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Brynhill says 'No' to Aldi

BRYNHILL Golf Club has rejected an approach from the Aldi supermarket chain which was interested in purchasing land to build a store.

Brynhill captain for 2018-19 Mark Weaver explained that the decision was consistent with a meeting the club had with local residents a year ago in which it said it wasn't interested in dealing with major development on its site.

Mr Weaver said: "The club has been approached twice in the last 18 months. We said no the first time, and have said no again very recently.

"What we've decided is in keeping with what we have told residents. Aldi was interested in putting up a store that would have faced Port Road.

"It would have taken up the footprint of the car park, the club house, club bungalow, club shop, the practice green and the 18th green."

If development had gone ahead, the club would have had to rebuild its clubhouse 500 yards away.

The club is selling off part of its car park to raise much-needed funds. Four houses will be built and local residents are fully aware of the plans.

Local councillor Leighton Rowlands said he and local people were not against local developments per se, but against excessive development.

He said: "During the local election in 2017, I and Cllr Vincent Bailey promised we would fight any inappropriate development at Brynhill Golf Club.

"When we got elected, we held a meeting with Brynhill Golf Club, along with local MP Alun Cairns and residents of Highlight Park. It allowed Brynhill to explain the situation that they were in and the options that were available to them.

"There was agreement between residents and Brynhill that four houses would be better to keep the club going for the next 10 years. We're not against development, just excessive development, and I'm pleased that the club told Aldi it was not interested and has kept its word to residents."

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World Book Day celebrated

ABOVE: Wimpy Kid, Hagrid, Peter Rabbit and Mr Bump all featured at the school's World Book Day.

YSGOL Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg junior school had a magical Hogwarts feeling on March 7, as pupils and teachers celebrated World Book Day.

The power of reading set imaginations flying, with a collection of characters from a wide variety of stories and many pupils choose characters from the successful Harry Potter series.

Megan Phillips, a year-5 pupil dressed as Hermione Granger, said: "I love reading and always look forward to World Book Day. It's great fun to dress up as your favourite character… Expelliarmus!"

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Vale budget approved – but Tories are in disarray

VALE Council Leader John Thomas has been told his backbenchers will no longer tolerate being ignored after a "devastating defeat" over his budget.

Two weeks ago, the budget was voted down but last week it went through after the Vale Leader relied on Labour support.

The GEM understands there is serious discontent among Conservative backbenchers on the council over what party insiders say are "a number of PR blunders" such as proposed car parking charges, dog controls and the "closure" of Llancarfan Primary School.

It is also understood several Conservative councillors were "incensed at the perceived arrogance of doing a deal with Labour" last week to approve the budget rather than address concerns within the party, while some were concerned about the level of council tax increases in the budget.

Almost half the Conservative members on the authority – a total of 11 councillors – abstained from voting in favour of the budget on Friday, March 8.

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'Increase in council tax is scandalous'

THE Vale Council want to load us up with yet another inflation busting council tax increase.

The leader of our council, Cllr John Thomas, says the proposed tax hike is relatively low. Is this man living in the real world?

I am like most council tax payers in that we are now paying more per month in council tax than we were paying for our mortgages, the difference being at the end of our mortgage, we have something to show for it.

For our monthly council tax outlay, however, we do have a number of things to show for it – we have free potholes on just about every road in the Vale. We have many of our street lights turned off at midnight, we have a Police and Crime Commissioner with an abundance of staff including two secretaries – an inevitable drain on the Vale Council's annual budget.

We managed our police force particularly well for over 100 years, so why do we have to pay out for this entity, plus his entourage of expensive staff?

We have limited amounts of waste we can legally leave for kerbside collection, which has resulted in increased litter louts and fly tipping incidents; the list goes on and on.

So a relatively low council tax increase is on the cards. If this latest exorbitant proposal of a 4.9 per cent increase goes ahead, it will mean we will have had more than a 32 per cent increase in six years in our council tax.

The Vale Council has over £75 million in reserve, yet continues to throw our money around like confetti for useless and unnecessary consultations on useless projects that never come to fruition and they then expect us to pay for it – it is totally scandalous.

Come on, Cllr Thomas, even Dick Turpin wore a mask.

Barrie V Evans, Coordinator, Barry First Group.

'Thanks to GEM correspondents'

WE would like to thank both Barrie V Evans and Anne Usher for their kind words in last week's 'Readers' Letters' in The GEM, following the announcement that Silver Star is closing down.

We have had a sensational response to our advertisement in The GEM with over 600 customers in the first two days of the sale. The store is open until Saturday, March 30 and we look forward to seeing many of our customers and friends in the next two weeks.

David and Terry Sylvester, Barry

'Memorial Hall left us in T.RExtasy!'

ON March 9, my mother and I attended the Memo Arts Centre to watch T.Rextasy.

The set up was perfect with cabaret seating and a large space in front of the stage to dance (and of course, we did!). There were plenty of bar staff to ensure we were well-hydrated.

I just wanted to publicly thank the team at the Memo for securing the band as we have seen them before and they are fantastic! Here's to many more evenings at our arts centre.

Lois Banks, Barry.

Why publicising your event in The GEM is a good choice!

Ward councillors with the group.

I would like to thank The GEM for advertising Highlight Park Community Neighbourhood Watch's recent event in the paper.

I am so very grateful for your support and thought you might like to know it was a great success.

The Mayor came and opened the session with a brief explanation of how we were able to start up the project and why. Both our Dyfan ward councillors, and the police, came to support us.

There was a very happy and friendly reception from everyone who was there. They mixed well and the atmosphere in the room was buzzing as they all chatted to each other at their tables. A raffle was held too.

Slightly more than 55 people attended so I feel we have fulfilled an important social role in our area and look forward to our next sessions.

The event left the Neighbourhood Watch coordinators feeling exhilarated and very pleased with the response, and on behalf of all who attended I would also like to thank them for giving up their time for this project too.

Once again, thank you so much for providing us with your valuable space in the newspaper in order to help our community.

Ada Flinn, group co-ordinator Highlight Park Community Neighbourhood Watch.

Editor's note: We're happy to be of service to the community Ada! If you want to let us know about events taking place in your area then email editorial@glamorgan-gem.co.uk.

Feedback sought on dementia friendly Barry and the Vale

I AM chairperson of the Dementia Friendly Barry Steering Group, one of a number of groups based in towns in the Vale that aim to promote organisations, businesses, libraries, banks and leisure centres to be more inclusive when providing services for people living with dementia and their carers.

To help us achieve this, it would be very useful to have feedback from the public by answering nine basic questions, which will take approximately three minutes.

The answers will be used to campaign and raise awareness of the concerns raised in the questionnaire.

You don't have to be a carer or living with dementia to answer these questions. Find the questionnaire link on the Dementia Friendly Vale website page at *www.dementiafriendlyvale.co.uk/dementia-vale-activities-support*. There is also a link on Twitter @*dementia_vale*.

Jane Weldon, chairman, Dementia Friendly Barry Steering Group.

Fields in Trust – why the difference?

IT was ironic that, in last week's edition of The GEM, as well as printing my letter you reported on three open spaces in Llantwit Major which have received Fields in Trust status over the last six years; whereas the Cowbridge Physic Garden has been denied this protection.

Perhaps the Llantwit councillors are more in tune with their communities than those who represent Cowbridge.

Catherine Clay, Cowbridge.

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HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL MARCH 21)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20-25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
14 Thur	11.14	8.2	23.42	8.0
15 Fri	N/A	N/A	12.24	7.9
16 Sat	01.04	7.8	13.59	7.6
17 Sun	02.42	7.9	15.27	8.1
18 Mon	03.58	8.5	16.34	8.8
19 Tues	04.58	9.4	17.31	9.7
20 Wed	05.53	10.1	18.19	10.4
21 Thurs	06.41	10.6	18.59	10.7

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Barry Waitrose staff are facing an uncertain future

THE closure of Waitrose is a body blow to Barry and particularly the local area, the local councillor has told The GEM.

Cllr Rachel Nugent-Finn, who represents Cadoc Ward, said: "I'm gutted that this has happened. It is a massive loss. I'm very sorry to see it go.

"I hope that the staff will be looked after and if there is anything I can to do to help they should let me know.

"The café lent itself to the community – I used to hold surgeries there because it was the ideal place to meet residents. Local organisations were also welcomed.

"It was also a place in the area where people were able to meet up and have a cup of tea and a cake.

"The staff have been so friendly and accessible. The store was a hub for the community.

"Over the years the site has now been occupied by The Tower, Presto, Safeway and Waitrose."

On Wednesday, March 6, the company revealed the Palmerston Road store would close on Sunday, June 9. Other stores are closing in Torquay, Teignmouth, Blaby and Ashbourne.

Waitrose confirmed it had sold the site to Anlo Properties, which will redevelop the unit over an extended period of time. Future plans for the site will be announced at a later date.

There has been speculation that Iceland were interested in taking it over but The GEM understands that it has not entered into any commitment.

Waitrose & Partners regional manager Alistair Bullock said it had been forced to make a hard-headed business decision: "We have taken great pride in being part of the Barry community for almost 15 years so the sale of the shop is not something we take lightly, but we have sadly not been able to find a way to make the shop commercially sustainable in the long-term.

"Our priority is our 122 partners working there who will be fully supported throughout the process and we will identify opportunities for those wishing to remain with the business wherever possible."

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Brynhill says 'No' to Aldi

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Mr Cairns said: "I want to pay tribute to Brynhill Golf Club for working with residents over the last few years, after they received various offers from a number of developers. Locals expressed clear objections to development around this area and it's great to see a local business that is actively taking the views of residents into consideration."

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Got a story? Then get in touch with us - email editorial@glamorgan-gem.co.uk or call 01446 774484

Jam Fund thanks family for its 'lovely gesture'

RIGHT: Jamie Adamson, who died at Llandough Hospital in 2004, inspired the Jam Fund.

A MONTH-long fundraiser for the Vale charity the JAM Fund is currently taking place in Quedgeley near Gloucester.

Late last year, the charity, inspired by Jamie Adamson who died of cancer at the age of five, helped three-year-old Mason Reynolds from Gloucester, who was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukaemia.

Paul Adamson, who runs the charity in his spare time from his home in Barry, said: "His grandmother Maureen Reynolds, who works for Tesco, is holding a fundraiser at the store as a 'thank you' after we donated £500 to help towards a bedroom makeover for him.

"Maureen had the chance to raise funds for Mason or for us and chose to help the Jam Fund because she wanted to help another child.

"We never expect families to do this because they have enough stress in their lives but it is a lovely gesture.

"I want to thank the store community champion Teresa Fisher for helping too."

Paul added: "My ambition is to raise enough funds so that one day we can have Jamie's name attached to a special facility – a park for disabled children or a playroom in a hospital, hospice or special school.

"It will take a lot of money to achieve this, but I have always wanted a fitting memorial to him."

The Jam Fund has already signed up 54 runners from across the UK for this year's Cardiff Half Marathon.

Four of the runners are former shipmates of Paul from when he was serving aboard HMS Cornwall.

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Oak Field Primary pupils help to plant new woodland at Cosmeston

AS part of Oak Field Primary School's New Routes Programme, children from the school joined the rangers in Cosmeston Country Park in a joint initiative by the Vale Council and Network Rail who, as part of their Greater Western Programme, have provided funding to plant 1,300 trees over two hectares.

The scheme will offer a biodiversity offsetting scheme that supports habitats by planting and enhancement projects.

Mr Jeff Schembri of Oak Field Primary School said: "The children love being involved with projects such as this. It will be wonderful for them to revisit Cosmeston in the future and watch the development of this new woodland." **ND**

Forum members hear tales from a newspaper man

AT this week's meeting of Barry Men's Forum we welcomed the journalist, reporter and author Trevor Fishlock.

Trevor was born at Hereford and was educated in Hampshire. On gaining the necessary qualifications he found work as a reporter in Fleet Street with the London Evening News, moving on to The Times and eventually the Daily Telegraph.

It was while working for The Times as a roving reporter he became a foreign correspondent and travelled to many countries, covering all types of news, mainly from trouble spots such as Yugoslavia, the Middle East, Pakistan, Afghanistan, China, North Korea and Central America. In total his work has enabled him to visit over 70 countries.

During these visits he has met many influential people such as President Gorbachev, Nelson Mandela, Ronald Reagan and Mother Theresa of Calcutta and had audiences with them.

During his time with the Daily Telegraph he found time to visit his beloved Wales, a fondness which occurred early in his life as his father was a Welshman.

He found work with the television companies reporting on the countryside, the people, industry and anything else Welsh; he now lives in Cardiff.

Barry Men's Forum meet every Thursday at 9.45am at Holy Trinity Church, Aberystwyth Crescent, Barry. Further information can be obtained from Mac Tanner on 01446 743455.

New members are always welcome to attend and we can boast an average weekly attendance of 40 plus. **PDGG**

Barry U3A members travel back to the old school days

JOHN Sheene, a much appreciated speaker at Barry U3A, gave a talk about 'The Happiest Days?' referring to our schooldays.

The question mark is well judged as during the earlier and middle parts of the 20th century, it was quite common for the cane to be used. While most of John's talk was humorous and provoked many reactions among those present, there were a couple of quite disturbing anecdotes of boys being beaten.

But let us concentrate on the happier side of current pensioners' schooldays. John is an ex-pupil himself of course, as well as a former teacher and headteacher. Although not from Barry, he knew about some of the Barry teachers of the era and so connected well with his audience. He spoke about school in both prose and poetry from authors such as Carol Ann Duffy, Gervase Phinn, Roger McGough (*The Scaffold*), Gwyn Thomas, and others.

There were also the 'excused for not attending school' notes, extracts from a few celebrities' school reports, various funny answers to exam questions and the difference between school reports from the mid-20th century, his own being a total of 38 words for the year, and those of today: his grand-daughter's, comprising over 1,500 words.

He finished by showing us a book called *Our Headteacher* that his pupils had made for him on his retirement. It included pupils' comments about him, some of which he arranged into a very funny 'found poem' to read to us.

For more information on Barry U3A call Christine on 01446 701537. **CD**

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Chairman Gareth retires from BMVC

FOR the past eight years as chairman of Barry Male Voice Choir (BMVC), Gareth Roberts has shown his commitment to serving the choir, which has grown from 20 to 60 members over this time.

A spokesman for the choir said: "Gareth's attention to detail and his firm, decisive leadership have left the choir in a position of strength, ready for many exciting challenges ahead."

As a token of the choir's appreciation for his service, president Gordon Mudford presented Gareth with a framed collage of choir events in which he played a prominent part over his years as chairman.

On March 23, Barry Male Voice Choir will host a joint concert with the Neyland Ladies Choir at St Mary's Church, Holton Road, Barry, at 7pm. Tickets (£5) are available at the door, with children free.

See *www.barrymalevoicechoir.co.uk* for further information.

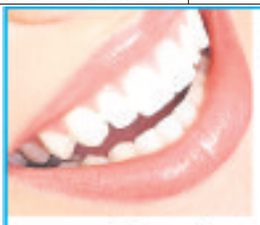
Chairman Gareth Roberts receives a collage from president Gordon Mudford.

Dementia meeting

DO you have or care for someone with dementia? Come along to Cadoxton Methodist Church, Church Road, Barry CF63 1JY from 12 noon until 3pm on Thursday, March 14 and 28 or Wednesday, March 20.

Enjoy Bingo with a free meal for all people affected by dementia and one carer. A free food bag will also be given to the person affected by dementia and travelling expenses can be reimbursed.

Booking is required two days prior to the dates by contacting Cadoxton Multicultural Voluntary Community Cafe, 97 Main Street, Barry CF63 2HL with a name and contact telephone number or by visiting the church.



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Justice catches up with rapist – after 50 years

A pensioner has been jailed for 16 years for multiple sexual offences against a child.

Peter John Smith, aged 78, of Hounslow, London, was sentenced at Cardiff Crown Court for seven counts of rape. He was handed a custodial term of 16 years and a further year on extended licence.

The offences relate to one child and took place between 1969 and 1974 in Barry.

Smith was found guilty after a trial in February. He was also made to sign the sex offenders' register.

In a victim personal statement read in court, the woman said the defendant's actions continue to have a lasting impact on her and that she suffers with nightmares.

She said she couldn't speak out at the time as she felt she wouldn't be believed if she reported the abuse.

Following the sentencing, Detective Constable Mark Wonnacott, of Barry CID, praised the courage of the victim who helped to ensure Smith's conviction.

He said: "The victim in this case was a child when she was preyed on by Peter Smith.

"I thank her for having the courage to report the abuse and support the prosecution and I hope today's sentencing will give her and her family some closure and comfort as they begin to move on with their lives.

"I cannot imagine how difficult it must be to come forward to report such appalling crimes but I want to reassure anyone considering doing so that there is a whole range of support out there, not only from the police but from partner agencies who can help you through the entire process.

"Officers in Bridgend and the Vale will continue to work tirelessly to protect children and bring perpetrators of child abuse to justice."

Sexual abuse can be reported via 101, or to Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. Alternatively, help, advice and support can be sought from Sexual Assault Referral Centres (SARC). Visit http://thesurvivorstrust.org/sarc/ or contact 02920 335795.

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Tory 'revolt' as budget passed by Vale Council

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The budget, which included a 4.9 per cent council tax rise, was passed after the Conservative leadership struck a deal with the Labour opposition.

Cllr Thomas has defended his administration's record and said he was confident he can agree a way forward with most of the councillors who voted against him. He said he sought a deal with Labour after a meeting with Conservatives colleagues last Wednesday when it became apparent he could not rely on the support of his whole party.

A source within the Vale Conservatives said: "This was a devastating defeat for the cabinet, and it sends a strong message that the group will no longer tolerate being ignored on key policy decisions. How John Thomas reacts to the vote will dictate what happens next.

"The group wants significant change and they were furious that he went to Labour for a budget deal instead of sorting things out face to face within the group."

The budget was passed at an extraordinary meeting of the council last week after the Conservative administration's original proposals were voted down by four of its own councillors along with Labour and Plaid Cymru the week before.

The four councillors who originally voted against the budget – Vincent Bailey, George Carroll, Janice Charles and former Welsh Conservative leader Andrew RT Davies – were swelled in their ranks, with as many as 11 Conservatives abstaining on voting for the amended budget.

A statement on behalf of the four councillors said: "As councillors, our duties first and foremost are to our constituents – and we simply weren't satisfied that council tax payers were getting value for money out of the proposed increase.

"We had concerns about a range of issues including council tax, car parking and the closure of Llancarfan School and that's why we took the difficult decision to oppose the budget, meaning that it did not pass.

"In the discussions that followed, further measures were agreed, including extra funding for the 95A/B bus services, while proposed on street car parking charges in the Vale were scrapped.

"We welcome these changes, which will bring huge benefits to our communities, but our concerns over other issues, including council tax levels, remained.

"We therefore decided to abstain when the revised proposals were brought before full council and were joined in doing so by a large number of colleagues."

Cllr Gordon Kemp, cabinet member for social care, health and leisure, voted for the budget in the first meeting on February 27.

He abstained on voting for the Labour-amended budget, before supporting the council tax rise in a separate vote once the budget had been agreed.

He said: "I was not happy that what we were voting for was not a wholly-Conservative budget. It was being influenced by Labour. When it came to vote on the council tax I supported it. It's never pleasant having to raise council tax, but we are where we are. We're not a well-funded authority so we have to cut our cloth accordingly.

"(The vote) shows that there has to be engagement with the Conservative group. Whether there could have been more of that, I don't know."

Labour say they're confident proposals which would have seen on-street parking brought to towns in the Vale have been dropped following talks with council leader John Thomas. They also negotiated an additional £100,000 to protect the 95A and B and X91 bus services and funding for a community project at St Paul's Church in Penarth. Labour also demanded a fund to refurbish Victorian schools throughout the Vale in return for their support for the budget, along with a review of LED replacements of non-standard lights in Penarth.

Cllr Neil Moore, Labour Leader in the Vale, said the Conservatives are in "total disarray".

He said: "It's absurd what's happening with them. They seem to have absolutely no control or discipline within the group. Clearly they can't talk to each other because that wouldn't happen in our group. What I found disgraceful was that some don't realise as a councillor we have a responsibility to set a legal budget. To me it seems like half the group don't care about that responsibility. There's too much politics going on.

"They are in total disarray. How long it will last, I don't know."

Plaid Cymru, which voted against the budget, said it was "anti-democratic and non-transparent" for the councillors to abstain from the vote without explaining why in the council chamber.

Cllr Ian Johnson, Plaid Cymru Leader on the Vale Council, said: "Plaid Cymru voted against the budget because the council tax was too high on residents, many of whom are already struggling with price increases.

"It was no surprise to watch Labour propping up the Conservative budget. They regularly vote together on important issues – including voting for the Barry Docks incinerator and for the 10,000 house Local Development Plan. There is little difference between them locally.

"It was disappointing that councillors were abstaining without explaining their decisions. That is anti-democratic and non-transparent. If they were proud of their actions, they would stand up and explain them in the chamber."

Cllr Thomas said he had a "grown up conversation" with Labour to get the budget through after it became apparent he could not rely on the support of his whole party in the meeting last Wednesday.

He said concerns over council tax had never been mentioned in the group meeting.

"To think you can carry on providing the services that people want with ever-reducing settlements from Welsh Government without putting council tax up is just naive," he said.

Cllr Thomas said it was "a bit strong" to call the administration's decisions "PR blunders," and said the council has to make tough decisions and "it's not always possible to make good PR out of those".

He said: "We have group meetings on decisions. There's usually a difference of opinion and not everyone will get their own way. That's the nature of the game. It would have been irresponsible to go to that meeting without being sure we could get the budget through.

"We have consistently been the best performing council in Wales. That's alongside reductions in funding and some of the lowest council tax increases over the last few years as well.

"I hope we can all pull together and get behind the administration. It's not ideal the way things have panned out. Hopefully, we will have group discussions and get back on track. I'm sure for most of the councillors who voted against me, we will come to an agreement on a way forward.

"All I've ever wanted to do is the best I can for the council and residents in the Vale and I stand behind that."

Matt Discombe, local democracy reporter.

For more on this subject see Cllr Thomas' column on page 24.

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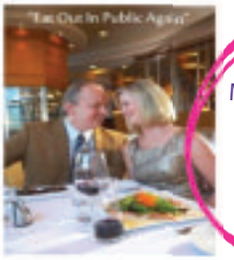
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Campaigners claim Dinas bypass is 'closer than ever'

CAMPAIGNERS for a bypass around Dinas Powys say the long-awaited road could be closer than it has been in 90 years.

The Vale Council is set to hold a public consultation on the latest stage of the bypass plans – which would aim to ease traffic congestion between Cardiff and Barry – before the summer.

An outline business case has been drafted for the bypass but the council said it needs to do further work to identify a preferred route to take forward to a full business case to Welsh Government.

Possible routes start from the Merrie Harrier roundabout and could connect with A4055 Cardiff Road south of Dinas Powys, and continue onto the Biglis roundabout, which is the option preferred by Arcadis, the council's consultants.

Alternatively, the new road could extend to the roundabout between Sully Moors Road and Hayes Road. Improvements to public transport and cycling and walking routes are also being considered.

The council said it needs to engage with Network Rail to understand the potential costs around building the bypass near a railway tunnel, model improvements to the Merrie Harrier junction and undertake a public consultation.

The council is asking Welsh Government for £80,000 to complete the Welltag 2 outline business case but if that funding is not given, the authority would find the money.

Emma Reed, the council's head of neighbourhood services and transport, said at a council meeting on March 7 that a 12-week consultation could be launched before the summer break in August.

Mrs Reed told the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee: "We have made great progress on this project over the last couple of years. We still need to do this additional work and I don't have any good news in terms of Welsh Government funding for this. I've put a number of bids in and recently had money for junction 34 of the M4, but I don't have additional funding for this."

Rod Harrod, chairman of the Dinas Powys Bypass Steering Group, said the bypass plans are "more advanced now than at any time in the last 30 or even 90 years".

He said improvements to the Merrie Harrier junction would benefit staff, patients, and visitors at Llandough Hospital.

Councillors said there could be some competition for Welsh Government funding for the bypass from the proposed works on junction 34 of the M4.

Cllr Andrew Robertson, who represents Dinas Powys, said he couldn't understand why there had to be competition for funding with the M4 scheme.

He said: "If the traffic situation in Dinas Powys is resolved it would benefit every community across the south Wales Vale of Glamorgan corridor."

Cllr Gwyn John urged the campaign to keep going despite the delays.

He said: "I can appreciate how frustrated people involved are with the delays. [The bypass] is a must. With all the development we have across the Vale, it's chock-a-block and getting worse. It's going to be a battle."

Matt Discombe
Local democracy reporter

Police appeal after man is assaulted in Barry

SOUTH Wales Police is appealing for witnesses to an assault which took place in Gadlys Road East, Barry.

Officers are investigating an assault on March 5 at around 6.50am.

A 40-year-old man was taken to hospital for treatment but has since been discharged.

The man reported that he was walking home when he was attacked by three men. Two of the men are described as being in their 40s.

Anyone with any information is asked to call 101 quoting reference 1900080071 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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Bike hire company coming to Penarth?

THE cycle hire scheme Nextbike could be coming to Penarth after proving popular in Cardiff.

Emma Reed, the Vale Council's head of neighbourhood services and transport, confirmed in a meeting that the authority is due to meet Nextbike as part of highways improvements in the town.

It comes as Nextbike is set to double its cycle hire scheme in Cardiff by the end of the summer with an additional 500 bikes and 65 docking stations.

Her comments came in a debate over a proposed new traffic system at Plassey Street and Windsor Road – a major route in and out of Penarth.

The council plans to enlarge the roundabout's central island, using land from The Dingle Park, in a bid to slow down vehicles using the junction, and install two new toucan crossings in Windsor Road and Penarth Road.

The plans were called in for greater scrutiny by Cllr Ruba Sivagnanam, who said the option does not go far enough to tackle the traffic problems in the area.

The highway plan would cost £870,000, funded by contributions from the Penarth Heights development.

The Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee heard on March 7 that much of the Penarth Heights money has to be spent by February 2020 and any further delays could jeopardise the project.

Mrs Reed said the roundabout widening plan would slow down traffic in the area.

She said: "This brings the roundabout into more of an engineering standard, potentially making it safer for people walking and cycling.

"We're working with Nextbikes as part of that; we're due to meet them and other parties interested in cycle schemes."

Cllr Sivagnanam said the proposal was being rushed through which underlines how "there's no strategy to Penarth".

She said: "This proposal to me is a bit like moving the deck chairs on the Titanic. We're creating work which is not really necessary. If we want to improve the gateway, there are other ways of doing it.

"It really doesn't begin to tackle the active travel (challenges). I do feel this is about spending the money before next February."

Councillors were told the widened roundabout was one part of a wider strategy for transport improvements in Penarth.

Charlotte Pugh, senior planner for the council, said the new scheme would transform the area.

She said: "This whole are is going to be completely transformed. At the moment it is not very welcoming to pedestrians.

"I think it will go some way to transforming this gateway into Penarth and make it a safer environment."

Previous plans to make part of Plassey Street one-way to incoming traffic, and removing the roundabout altogether, were dropped following opposition from the public.

The committee agreed to endorse the transport scheme but requested regular updates on the wider transport plans for Penarth.

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Barry War Museum honours artist for unforgettable portrait

BARRY War Museum presented local sand artist Gareth 'Din' Evans with a framed photograph on March 6, to commemorate the artwork he produced on the sand of Whitmore Bay last November.

It honoured the memory of Captain William George Williams of 17th Battalion, Royal Welsh Fusiliers, who died on August 29, 1917. On November 11 the public gathered to admire the image before it was washed away by the tide.

Barry War Museum volunteer Sue Day originally contacted Din to invite him to create the image after she saw film director Danny Boyle was organising a 'Pages of the Sea' project marking 100 years since Armistice and the end of the First World War. She thought Barry Island would be an ideal location for a World War One portrait.

Sue Day of Barry War Museum with artist Din Evans.

Sue explained: "When I asked him if he would like to do the artwork, he was so pleased we'd thought of him. He did a fantastic job. The Barry War Museum committee thought it would be nice to get a picture framed and presented to him as a memento of a wonderful day.

"We didn't tell him what we'd planned, it was a total surprise and he was thrilled. I think it's going to take pride of place on his wall."

The framed photograph was signed on the back by the museum's volunteers. Sue said she would always remember the event in November which included the portrait, a service at the Eastern Shelter, a bugler and a two-minute silence.

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Club's helping hand for Wales Air Ambulance

(Left to right): Barry Rotary Club President Jill Osborne, Catrin Hall from Welsh Air Ambulance with Judith Hunt.

CATRIN Hall from the Welsh Air Ambulance was the guest speaker at the Rotary Club of Barry's March meeting held on March 8 in Brynhill Golf Club.

Catrin gave an informative Powerpoint presentation on the history and work carried out by the Welsh Air Ambulance, which came into service 18 years ago on March 1.

It currently provides a service from 8am to 8pm daily and the ultimate aim is to provide a 24-hour service.

Speaker Steward Judith Hunt proposed a vote of thanks to Catrin on behalf of the club before presenting a cheque to support their work.

The Rotary Club of Barry meets weekly in Brynhill Golf Club on Thursdays at 6.30pm. For further information, contact Barry Rotary president elect David Jakeway on 07533 048620, see the Facebook page or visit www.ribi.org.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Charity sale

A 50p sale will be held in the Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth on Wednesday, March 20 at 2.pm until 3.30pm. Entry 50p (includes tea/coffee). All proceeds to charity.

Coffee morning

A COFFEE morning takes place at Murch Bowling Club, Sunnycroft Lane, Dinas Powys at 10am on Saturday, March 23. Stalls include bric-a-brac, nearly new, and 'Name the Dragon'; all welcome. Proceeds go towards the captain's charity, Ty Hafan.

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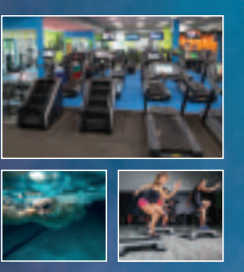

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Join the Parkrun fun!

THIS weekend is the 200th Barry Island Parkrun, which as a keen runner I am really looking forward to.

I remember when the Barry Island Parkrun was first set up back in 2015, and I was pleased to work with the organisers on the proposed route for the run. Almost four years later, I'm continually impressed with the fantastic crowds it attracts, with runners of all abilities welcome to take part.

I'd like to pay tribute to the brilliant and dedicated Parkrun organisers we have in Barry, who have worked hard to make a huge success of it and keep it fun for everyone. Last year, we had the first 'Gavin and Stacey' Parkrun, which saw Barry join forces with runners all the way from Billericay – including the Mayor of Basildon!

Hundreds took part that day and I'm really pleased that our Parkrun provided another platform to attract new people to Barry Island, showing off our fantastic beaches, beautiful promenade and fun activities for all ages.

In the Vale, we're fortunate to have a number of excellent running groups, such as the Major Milers in Llantwit Major and Seriously Mad Runners in Barry and the Parkrun provides a great platform for their members to complete a 5k run with other running enthusiasts.

Welsh Secretary
ALUN CAIRNS
reports to GEM readers

The run will also help with my training ahead of the London Marathon, which I am running at the end of April. My Marathon Fundraising Campaign has been officially launched today and you can find details on my website and social media about how to donate to my two charities, the Dementia Revolution and Guide Dogs.

So this weekend, whether you run regularly or have never tried before, I'd love to see you get involved at the 200th Barry Island Parkrun. It is great fun and a good way to keep fit and healthy. I look forward to seeing a big crowd on Saturday!

Opportunity knocks for a young star to shine!

YOUNG musical performers in the Vale can apply to take part in a talent show at St Cyres School with the winner going on to perform at GlastonBARRY Juniors' 6,000 capacity 'Big Top' in Romilly Park.

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The winner will open GlastonBARRY Juniors, a family festival with tributes to Rihanna, Little Mix and Ed Sheeran, which takes place at Romilly Park, Barry on Friday, July 26. Entries have to be submitted by teachers in the Vale and competitors have to have the permission of parents or guardians.

Applications can be made online at broradio.fm/onair/search-for-a-star.

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Care sector faces a 'crisis in recruitment'

INCREASING the pay of social care workers in the Vale is vital to help solve the recruitment crisis in the sector, the chair of Care Forum Wales has said.

The plea from Mario Kreft comes after a campaign was launched to attract another 20,000 social care workers in Wales over the next 10 years.

Mr Kreft said the problem was that the funding formulas of local councils and health boards were predicated on paying low wages to staff and that must change.

He has welcomed the 'WeCare.Wales' campaign which was unveiled by Social Care Wales and other care sector organisations, but warned more money was needed to provide "decent wages".

The number of elderly people over the age of 80 is predicted to increase by 44 per cent in Wales by 2030. There are around 113,000 people in the social care sector, but more are needed to cope with increasing need.

Mr Kreft said a proposed social care tax would not provide the complete answer. He said: "We are aware that some care workers in the Vale and Bridgend, like other areas in Wales, are low paid. To its great credit, Welsh Government has recently recognised social care as one of the four foundations of the economy, one which pumps £2.2 billion per year into the Welsh economy.

"Social care workers in Wales deserve a better deal. The deal they've got is not good enough to sustain the numbers that we're going to need in the future.

"Local authorities and health boards in Wales actually predicate that more than half of the staff in a care home are on the National Living Wage. When you get a qualified highly-skilled care practitioner, they have to be able to sustain a standard of living commensurate with the level of responsibility they have. These are people who have been overlooked."

Sue Evans, the chief executive of Social Care Wales, said: "In Wales, around 90,000 people work in social care, while 23,000 work in early years and childcare. However, we still need more people if we are going to meet the needs and expectations of society over the next 10 years.

"The 'WeCare' campaign has been developed to attract the right people to support some of the most vulnerable members in our communities or help inspire the next generation."

A spokesman for the Vale Council said it had recently agreed a pay increase for staff across the board with the lowest paid workers in particular benefiting.

He said: "From April, they will earn a minimum rate of £9.18 per hour. The new level is higher than the national minimum rate and also exceeds the independently-set Foundation Living Wage.

"We recognise that our greatest asset is our workforce. Our pay is competitive and in many cases staff rise through pay salary bands during early years of service.

"Staff also benefit from the opportunity to join the local government pension scheme, extensive development opportunities and our employee assistance programme which offers emotional and practical support for issues at work and at home.

"From April, they will earn a minimum rate of £9.18 per hour, with hourly wages increasing by £1.28. The new level is £1.35 higher than the national minimum rate and also exceeds the Foundation Living Wage.

A Welsh Government spokeswoman said it was committed to raising the status and profile of social care so it was seen as a positive career choice.

She said: "We have already taken steps to support the sustainability of the workforce. We recognise pressures the sector faces in Wales and are providing an additional £50 million in 2019-20 to help meet the growing demand for care and support services, £30 million of which will focus on workforce pressures and the wider sustainability of services."

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Celebrating International Women's Day with Atal y Fro

ATAL y Fro were welcomed to Barry Town Council by Mayor Cllr Janice Charles and Jane Hutt AM on International Women's Day recently.

Ms Hutt said: "On a day of activities throughout the world to mark International Women's Day, it was great to join the event at the Mayor's Parlour welcoming Atal y Fro and recommitting ourselves to tackle the ongoing scourge of violence against women.

"We were encouraged to name the women who inspired us and the late Ursula Masson, the founder of the Welsh Women's Archive, who I honoured at a ceremony in Merthyr Tydfil later in the day was my name for IWD."

Jane Hutt with Mayor of Barry Town Council, Cllr Janice Charles, Helen Jones, staff and volunteers of Atal y Fro and members of Barry and District Soroptimists.

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Lleoliad 2 Bydd y llwybr troed (Hawliau Tramwy Cyhoeddus) a elwir y Barri Rhif 31 ar gau o'r pwynt lle mae'n cwrdd â Ffordd Fynediad yr Orsaf Bwmpio am 200 metr i'r de-orllewin.

Ffordd Amgen Bydd gwyriad trwy Salisbury Road, Oxford Street, Fishponds Hill a Llwybr Troed Rhif 32.

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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (BARRY PUBLIC FOOTPATH Nos 31 & 73) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2019

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On the 14th March 2019 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 made an Order as described in the schedules below:

The Order shall come into force on 1st April 2019 and will be known as "The Vale of Glamorgan Council (Barry Public Footpath Nos 31 & 73) (Temporary Closure) Order 2019.

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SCHEDULE 1

1. No person shall proceed on foot in the locations specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location 1 Footpath (Public Rights of Way) known as Barry Number 73 closed from a point 35 metres from its junction with Clos Cwm Barri in a south westerly direction to the footpath end.

Alt. Route During this closure there will be no diversion but access to the field will still be available.

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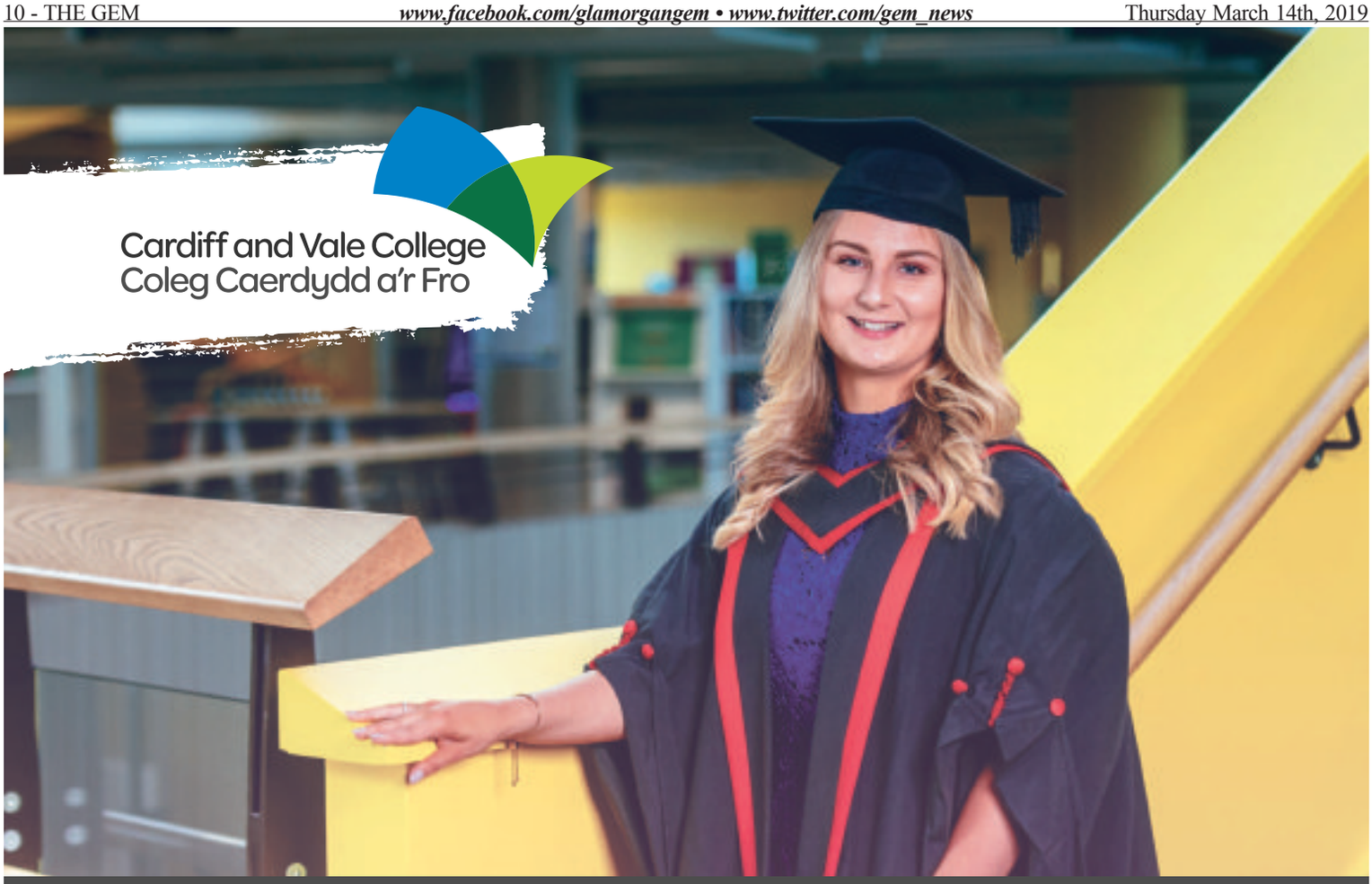

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Charity launches appeal for nurses to get ready for the next generation

TŶ Hafan, the children's hospice in Wales, is appealing to supporters to help its nurses get ready for the next generation and expand their care beyond the hospice walls and into the homes of life-limited children.

Over the past 20 years, nursing has changed significantly. Since its opening in 1999, Tŷ Hafan has supported more than 800 children, and every year more children are admitted to the Sully-based hospice for comfort and care. With developments in technology and medicine, children are living longer which means that their needs have become increasingly complex.

Tŷ Hafan's Head of Hospice Care, Hayley Humphries, who has worked with Tŷ Hafan for most of her nursing career for 14 years, said: "We respond to the needs of each and every Tŷ Hafan child so our clinical care has had to evolve considerably.

"Our highly-trained nurses have introduced new clinical procedures and our symptom control and management techniques have become more specialised. Our hospice is now open 24/7, 365 days a year, enabling us to be ready for whenever the children need us.

"At the beginning of this year, we introduced our first-ever children's palliative care community nurse in Powys and, in the next 20 years, our ultimate aim is to have a Tŷ Hafan community nurse based in every Welsh health board, joining forces with the existing health services to provide pain management, family support and end of life care in a home setting.

"It costs over £1.1 million every year to train and fund our nurses, both community and hospice based. That's why we're launching this appeal and asking community, corporate and individual supporters to do anything they can to raise funds to help our nurses support even more children across Wales, not only in the hospice but also in the safe and familiar comfort of their own homes. There will be more families who need us, and we need to be ready for them".

Parents with first hand experience of Tŷ Hafan's nursing care know just how much it means to them, when faced with their darkest moments.

Osian Liddell from Barry has been visiting Tŷ Hafan for short breaks ever since he was born nearly four years ago. His mother, Anna, recalled how she felt the first time she visited the hospice and handed her tiny baby over to the Tŷ Hafan nurses.

"We just felt massive relief and for the first time in Oshi's young life, we felt calm," she said.

"We were with people who could help us and if something happened, they'd know what to do. Osian was safe. Those nurses are a replacement 'me'. As well as medication, they give cuddles and love, which is just what Oshi needs."

To help Tŷ Hafan raise funds for its nurses and to make a meaningful difference to life-limited children in Wales, visit www.tyhafan.org/nurses/.

New divisional commander for Bridgend and the Vale announced

CHIEF Superintendent Alun Morgan has been appointed as the new Divisional Commander for Bridgend and the Vale of Glamorgan.

It is a proud moment for the 52-year-old as he approaches 30 years of service with South Wales Police. During his career, he has worked in all four divisional areas of the force as well as with specialist units at Force Headquarters in Bridgend.

He has considerable experience of policing at both operational and support levels since starting as a Police Constable in Cockett, Swansea, through to more recent duties as Superintendent (Operations) in Bridgend and the Vale.

Chief Supt Morgan is a trained hostage and crisis negotiator and has been so for almost half his service.

Mr Morgan said: "I am truly humbled to become the Divisional Commander for Bridgend and the Vale of Glamorgan. It is a real honour to lead the police officers and staff members who do remarkable things day in, day out to keep our communities safe.

"I have a fantastic team around me with key support from Superintendent Claire Evans and I want to build upon the excellent work of my predecessor, Chief Supt Stuart Parfitt, to continue to address the concerns of residents in our communities and take positive action to tackle any issues successfully.

"Keeping the area safe remains our priority – which means making it as hostile a place as possible for those with a view to the contrary. We are here to keep our neighbourhoods safe and we will aim to do that by working in partnership with all those who share that vision." **CT**

Chief Supt Alun Morgan, the new Divisional Commander for the area.

Former prison governor's talk

THE Vale of Glamorgan Association of National Trust Members (VOGANTM) holds its next meeting on Wednesday, March 20, at 11am in the Duke of Wellington, Cowbridge.

The speaker will be Geoff Hughes, who will talk on 'Beyond the Prison Wall'.

Mr Hughes is a former governor of Belmarsh, Cardiff, and other prisons, and is a regular speaker.

He is currently Master of the Worshipful Livery Company of Wales and chairman of the Standards Committee of South Wales Fire and Rescue. Non-members will be welcome as guests at this meeting (though they may be gently invited to join the Association). **AM**

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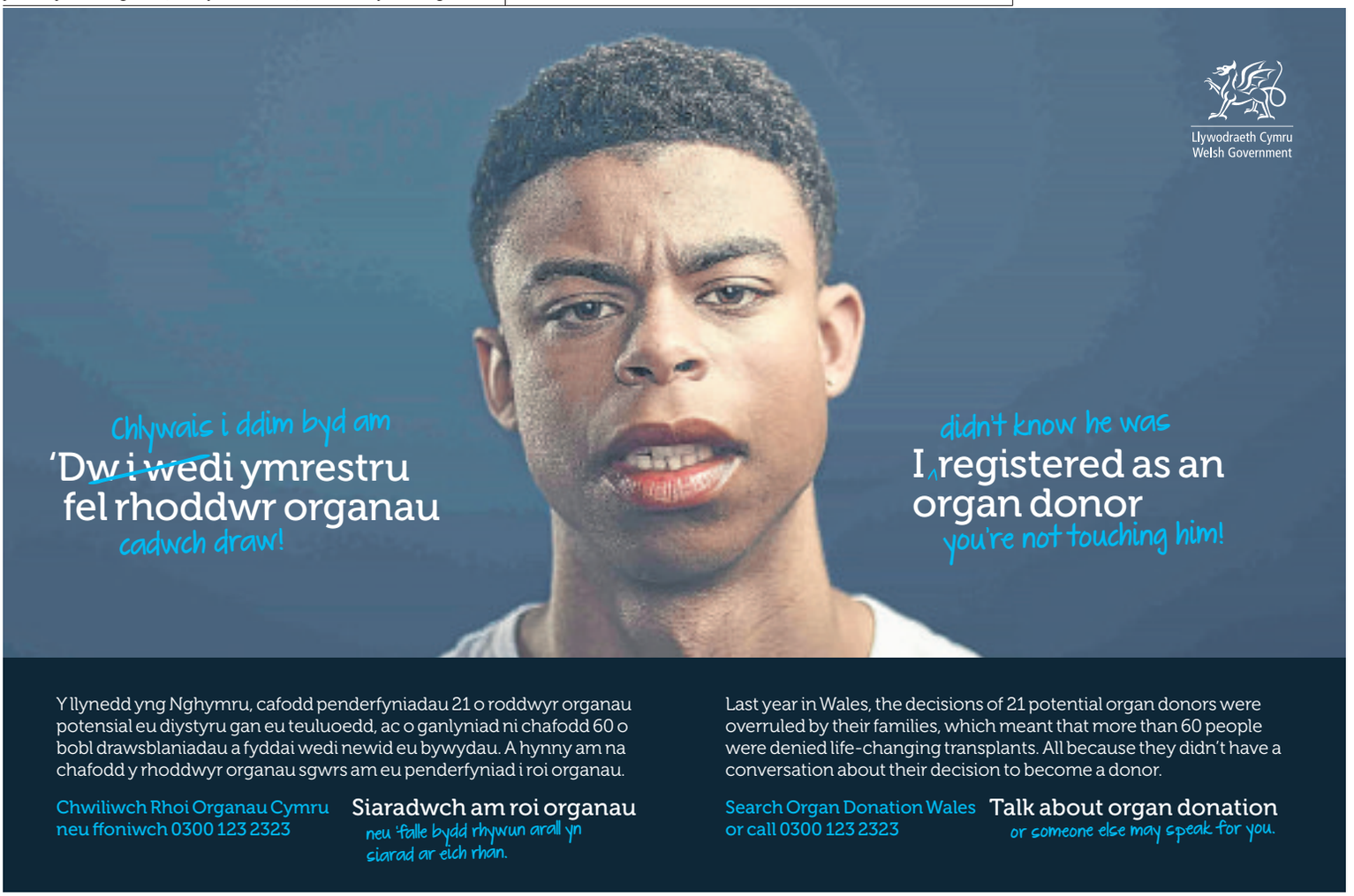

Vale pupils are left inspired on International Women's Day

LOCAL schoolgirls shared their dreams of running a scaffolding business and becoming an Olympic gymnast with successful Barry businesswomen on International Women's Day.

The get-together was organised by Belinda Loveluck-Edwards, Labour's prospective Parliamentary candidate for the Vale.

Pupils from High Street Primary School met the businesswomen to hear their personal stories and be inspired by them.

Mrs Loveluck-Edwards explained: "I believe we all want to see girls across the Vale being given every opportunity to succeed. We need to inspire them. The theme of International Women's Day was 'balance for better'. It was a reminder that women are still not fully represented in business and we still need to press for change.

"The businesswomen opened the eyes of the girls to a world of possibilities and we are now looking forward to building a wider event across the Vale next year."

The pupils – Ffion Vowels, Molly Kelly, Ruby Barnfield-Lake and Seren Wroblewski – met Angharad Mollooly and Lois Nolan, who own the 'Annie and Lolo' store and they were joined by the founder of the GoodWash Company, Mandy Powell, and Penny Mickelson, a tennis ambassador for south Wales.

To mark International Women's Day Annie and Lolo had launched a hygiene bank for women in need.

The girls also spoke to Alice Harding of O'Shea's on Barry Island, who organised a free dinner at Christmas for local vulnerable people and the new chair of High Street traders, Vicky McDonald.

Fay Blakely of Homemade Wales also spent time with the pupils and said: "We talked about being a woman running your own business, what that entails, how much hard work it is – but how rewarding it is.

"We talked about the importance of being happy and doing something you enjoy. The girls who visited all have great ambitions for the future and I'm in no doubt they'll achieve them."

The youngsters ended their day with a visit to Giggles store on High Street, Barry.

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Belinda Loveluck-Edwards (second from right) with High Street Primary School pupils at Giggles store High Street, Barry on International Women's Day.

False start to Spring is confusing the bees

News from the Fonmon Apiary with Harold Williams

IS spring really here? Last month was very convincing and the bees thought so too. However, a complete reversal of the weather has curtailed eternal activity; but not stopped it altogether.

Examining the debris in the underfloor trays is revealing an increase in varroa mite numbers and this is an indication that the queens are stepping up their egg production – and the varroa will take advantage of this situation.

Here at the apiary, I have two colonies of bees that have been overwintered, each in their own nucleus box.

What is a 'nucleus box'? It is a smaller version of a beehive: a full size version holds 11 frames whereas the nucleus only has five frames in it. These 'nuc' boxes are made from expanded polystyrene; the full size hives are made of wood.

The insulating properties of the polystyrene boxes is much appreciated by the bees, and if there is a downside, it is when it comes to cleaning said boxes. Unlike the wooden full size boxes that can be scraped and gone over with a blowlamp to ensure good hygiene, this cannot be done with the poly-nucs. However, I am experimenting with a wallpaper stripper and steam cleaning appears to be working. I do have wooden nuc boxes and they can be scorched.

All colonies are showing external activity and the foragers, when they can get out, are returning with pollen which is always a good sign. Very shortly, the beginner's course will be initiated and if there is one recommendation that we try to convey to the newcomer, it is that of having spare equipment!

Many new beekeepers will only wish to have one or maybe two hives at the most, so see no requirement for extra equipment. As the year progresses, the occupants of their hives will increase rapidly: left to themselves, the bees will control the situation of overcrowding by swarming!

So if you wish to keep your bees, there are manoeuvres that can be carried out, but they do require spare kit. Swarming is a natural cycle in the life of a honeybee.

Harold Williams

Grant aid to activity groups and sports clubs

FUNDING totalling £68,478 has been shared between local clubs and projects developing new opportunities for physical activity in the Vale.

The Community Chest scheme is funded by Sport Wales and managed locally by the Sports Development section of the Vale Council's Healthy Living Team.

Organisations across the Vale applied for funding. These included Barry Basketball Club, who are looking to increase the number of female adults at the club, Vale Vipers Girls Basketball, who are looking to increase the number of under-12s playing and Barry Squash, who will deliver female-only sessions in the future.

Elsewhere, funding has been used for training courses for coaches and volunteers, to buy equipment for new activities, to promote their projects and to pay hire fees.

The grants distributed are not purely for sporting activities. They have also been used to develop new physical activity opportunities, such as running and cycling groups.

Non-sport organisations successful in receiving Community Chest funding over the last year include Amelia Methodist Trust Company Ltd, Newydd Housing Association and Graig & Penllyn Residents Association, who received funding for signage for an activity exercise trail in the outdoors.

The Community Chest scheme is set to return in the new financial year (April 2019-March 2020), with £81,500 available for Vale organisations.

For more information, telephone Karen Davies, principal healthy living officer for the Vale Council on 01446 704793, before submitting your proposal by the April 4 deadline.

New walking group for carers

VALEWAYS walking group is offering a new guided walk from April for carers of all ages and their friends and families.

Carers Trust Wales have calculated that there are at least 370,000 carers in Wales. The Carers Trust Wales believes that three in five of us will become a carer at some point in our lives.

The carers' walk will be a gentle stroll which will offer a chance to exercise, meet people and enjoy fresh air. Hopefully, the walks will support carers and give them renewed energy for their role as a carer.

If you are interested in joining this group, the walk will take place on the last Thursday of every month at 10.30am and meets outside Barry Island train station. the walk will last between 45 to 60 minutes.

For more details, contact Lynne on 07729991491.

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To find out more Bella, contact Dogs Trust Bridgend on 01656 725219; or visit the rehoming centre in Bridgend, CF31 4NG. You can also visit the website at www.dogstrust.org.uk.

PACT in the Vale

GIBBONSDOWN 'Cuppa with a Copper,' held every Monday morning at the Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron Close, Barry, between 10am and 12 noon.

A Coffee and Chat takes place at the Watermill, Ogmore by Sea at 11am on Tuesday, March 19.

If you have any issues that are affecting your quality of life but are unable to attend a meeting, contact 101 for non emergencies or log onto: www.south-wales.police.uk for contact details for your local PCSO to contact them directly for non emergency matters.

Valeways guided walks

ON Sunday, March 17 Scenic Views in St Nicholas; meet at the Natural Burial Ground off the A48 at 2pm.

On Wednesday, March 20 the Coffee Shop Strollers of Barry meet at 10.30am at the Bron y Mor car park, Cold Knap, Barry.

The same day, the Coffee Shop Strollers of Cowbridge meet at 2.30pm at the Physic Garden fountain in Cowbridge.

On Thursday, March 21 the Wild Daffodil Walk leaves the lay-by at cattle grid SS 897 752 in St Bride's Major at 10am.

On Sunday, March 24 meet at St Peter's Church, Mill Road in Dinas Powys at 2pm: Spring Is Here!

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This Captain is Marvel-lous!

IT'S safe to say that the ending of *Avengers: Infinity War* left audiences pretty shellshocked.

If you were able to stick around for the typical Marvel Studios post-credit sting, you would have seen Nicky Fury activate a pager before (spoiler alert) turning to ash and vanishing.

We finally get to find out who that pager belonged to in Captain Marvel, as we meet, for the first time, Brie Larson's titular hero.

Vers (Larson) is an extraterrestrial Kree warrior, who has memories of another life as US Air Force pilot, Carol Danvers.

When Vers crashes on earth, she inadvertently teams up with S.H.I.E.L.D agent Nick Fury (Samuel L Jackson), and the pair begin to investigate her memories, all the while trying to stop an intergalactic war that threatens the planet...

Marvel Studios currently occupy the rarified air of rarely putting a foot wrong; however, as Spider-Man's Uncle Ben once pointed out, "With great power comes great responsibility".

The arrival of Captain Marvel comes with the added caveat of being the first Marvel film to be headlined by a female character, so much like last year's *Black Panther* it comes with an added weight.

By and large it's a weight that it handles well, and even if it's a film that doesn't trouble the upper echelons of the Marvel output so far, it's a wholly satisfying origin story for the newest addition to the ever-growing stable of characters.

The film opens with some clunkiness - the backstory of Captain Marvel/Carol Danvers/Vers is a convoluted one that doesn't benefit from some of the choices made in the opening 20 minutes here.

Once it settles down, it becomes a far smoother and more enjoyable ride.

The characteristics of previous Marvel films are present, either knowingly or unwittingly (there's a dash of *Guardians of the Galaxy*, a pinch of *Thor*) which does mean that the film only really develops its own identity around the halfway mark, but it hits notes that, while familiar, are enjoyable enough to carry it through.

Hiring directing duo Ryan Boden and Anna Fleck (more used to

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playing in the low-budget playground with the likes of *Half-Nelson* and *Mississippi Grind*) was another bold directorial choice by Marvel, but one that doesn't wholly pay off.

While the pair have a sure enough handle on the character beats, the action sequences don't have enough personality, feeling helmed by committee rather than carrying the tenets of the directing duo.

Where the film really hits home is in the performances. Brie Larson is a perfect fit for the lead character, delivering a strong turn as she attempts to discover who she really is, and her chemistry with Samuel L Jackson's de-aged Nick Fury is a real delight.

This 'buddy road movie' element is one of the film's strengths, and the pair are in fine form.

Around them other performances are solid, from the likes of Jude Law and Annette Bening, while Ben Mendehlson is a delight as Skrull leader Talos and Lashana Lynch, as Carol's friend Maria, is great in the opportunities she's given.

The narrative beats feel a tad familiar, seemingly using the origin story template with some slightly telegraphed twists, no doubt one of the downfalls of being the 21st Marvel film, but it all comes together into something that is well worth watching.

If it falls a little short of the studios' finest output (and after the films they released last year that's hardly a harsh criticism) it still carries enough of the Marvel charm to see it through – Captain Marvel is marvellous fun.

VERDICT: It doesn't hit the ground running, but once *Captain Marvel* hits its stride it becomes a very good film indeed. There are some small signs of Marvel fatigue, mainly in the direction and narrative beats, but the performances have great charm and carry the film, especially Brie Larson and Samuel L Jackson. *Recommended*.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Guardians of the Galaxy* (2014), *Thor* (2011).

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LLANDOW Carpet Studio is a new name for flooring in the Vale.

The company is run by the Terrett family who have been in business in Llantwit Major and the Vale since 1978. They have always handled all types of flooring but were better known as interior design consultants. A few years ago, Patrick and Susan Terrett decided to stop offering interior design services and turned the studio into a flooring showroom, specialising in Cormar carpets.

After Byron Terrett won the British Carpet Fitting competition in 2017, interest for his services started coming in from all over the country, the studio was developed to cover all markets from reasonably priced carpets and vinyls to high end carpets and Amitco, costing up to £200 per square metre.

The company operates from Unit 21K at the Vale Business Park, Llandow. This is the home of the company's main operation as flooring contractors to new home builders Persimmon and Taylor Wimpey. From here, the parent company, Ourown Designs Ltd, travels all over south Wales installing carpets for new home builders.

Patrick Terrett told The GEM that Llandow Carpet Studio was set up to look after local people who want flooring and it has proved to be a huge success, with customers returning and recommending all the time.

Large carpet stores can be a bit disconcerting as the choice is vast and confusing. Llandow Carpet Studio try and work on an appointment basis so that Patrick Terrett can be available to help you with your selection personally.

Alternatively, you can call any time between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday, and have a look around the studio at your leisure. However, we must point out that the studio is up a flight of stairs. If the stairs are a problem, Patrick will have a chat and bring samples down for you to look at; he also offers a home visit if needed.

Winners of the British Carpet Fitting Championship are not allowed to defend, so you can win it only once. Byron won in 2017 and John Wright, who was second, won it in 2018. Byron and John, who lives in Oxford, have become very good friends and they get together when either of them has a person who simply wants the best, and for flooring installations that need the best fitters in the country. This year, they will be working on the homes of some very famous people, but more than that we cannot say!

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Art and craft group meet in Llantwit Major

LLANTWIT Major Art and Craft group will meet on Friday, March 15 at 7.30pm at Llantonian Hall.

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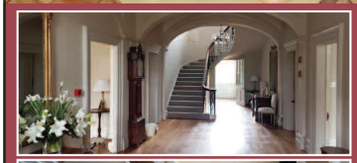

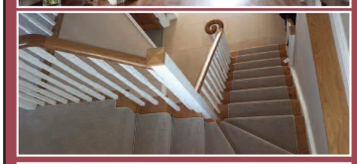

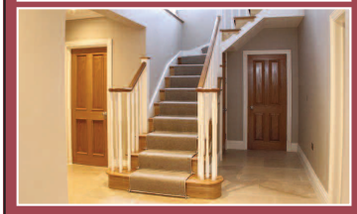

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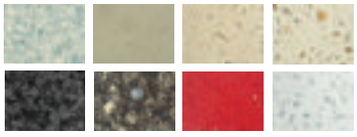

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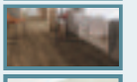
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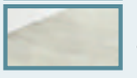
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Barry is breathing better, thanks to new singing group

A NEW singing group set up in Barry is making a big difference to people with lung disease.

Funded by the British Lung Foundation (BLF) and the National Lottery, the Singing for Lung Health group has been running since November and is for anyone with a lung condition, such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), asthma and IPF.

The program is designed to help ease breathlessness and encourage people living with lung disease to have fun and make friends.

After only two months, many of the members are seeing significant benefits. Local resident, Irene Webber, said: "Last year, I was diagnosed with Interstitial Lung Disease and I suffer from breathlessness. Singing for Lung Health is very enjoyable and fun.

"We do exercises and sing songs designed to improve breathing, and as a result my lung capacity has increased. We also get hand-outs so we can do more at home.

"It is very convenient and easy to get to. I wish we had had something like this years ago when I was a nurse. It allows people to do something for themselves, and not rely just on medication."

Another member said: "I cough quite a lot, especially in the evenings. But on the days when I go to Singing for Lung Health, I don't cough at all. It really works for me – it's wonderful!"

Classes are run by Ruth Bradshaw who runs several community and wellbeing choirs locally.

Ruth said: "Anyone who wants to breathe better can join us. You don't need to be able to sing in tune or have any singing experience whatsoever and you don't have to register –just turn up, come and have a sing and a laugh with us."

The sessions take place every Wednesdays between 1.30pm-2.30pm at the Margaret Alexander Community Centre, 11 Alexandra Crescent, Barry CF62 7HU. For further information about the local group, call 03000 555 555 or visit *blf.org.uk/ort-in-your-area*

Vale MP announces eighth marathon run for charity

VALE MP Alun Cairns has announced that he will be running the London Marathon again this year to raise money for the Dementia Revolution and Guide Dogs.

Mr Cairns launched his fundraising campaign on Barry Island with representatives from both charities as he seeks to match the £10,000 that he raised for NSPCC Cymru and Atal Y Fro at the 2018 Marathon.

He has chosen to donate to the 'Dementia Revolution', in which Alzheimer's Society and Alzheimer's Research have joined forces to raise funds through the London Marathon.

The Vale MP was joined by Ceri Smith from Alzheimer's Research, Jess Bowring from Alzheimer's Society and local volunteers, including Teresa and Denis McGuire from Llantwit Major, Steven Blackman from Cowbridge and Jane Weldon from Barry.

Teresa McGuire, who runs the Dementia Café in Llantwit Major said: "Alun visited our Dementia Café at one of our coffee mornings. I want to thank him for choosing the Dementia Revolution as one of his charities and for supporting us and giving a platform for local volunteers like myself to share their experience with Alzheimer's."

Sue Phelps, director for Alzheimer's Society Cymru said: "We are delighted that Alun Cairns has joined the Dementia Revolution to run the London Marathon. Dementia is the biggest health threat facing society and there are currently no effective treatments to slow, prevent or cure it."

The keen marathon-running MP will also be raising funds for Guide Dogs, who provide life-changing services to the 360,000 people who are registered blind or partially sighted. He was joined by members of the Guide Dog team including Andrea Gordon and her guide dog Kayley, Deborah Rees and Peter Jones.

A spokesperson for Guide Dogs said: "We rely on the generosity of the public and participants taking parts in events like these to allow us to continue our life changing work."

Information on how to donate to Mr Cairns' fundraising campaign can be found on his social media and website. All money will be split equally between the charities. To donate, visit the link virginmoneygiving.com/aluncairns.

Old Duffers United over-50s walking football team.

'Old Duffers' team a tonic for men of a certain age

A LOCAL man who has started an over-50s 'walking football team' for men who are bored, depressed or just want to get fit, has been amazed by the response he has received.

Gary Angel (53) a Vale Council employee, has called the team Old Duffers United and they meet up regularly in Cadoxton.

He said: "I publicised the idea on Facebook and the first week we had eight guys and by week four we were already up to 18. It's really caught on.

"Last week, I even had a call from a man who was in a hospital bed because of a mini-stroke asking if he could come along. Some of the players are recovering from injuries of one sort or another – I had a massive knee op myself.

"There are men who want to get fit, others might be bored or depressed – it means they have something to look forward to on a Wednesday evening. We meet at Cadoxton Sports Hall behind Cadoxton School. Things have gone so well, I'm thinking of starting up another group on Sundays.

"My partner Leann has been really supportive and once we've got this established, we want to start a team for women."

The group doesn't quibble too much on age qualifications, the youngest is 47, the oldest is 74. Gary insists that although it's walking football, people shouldn't underestimate the health benefits: "During one match I took 8,700 steps."

Interested local men should contact Gary in advance on 07545 320 632 so he knows the numbers attending. 'Duffers United Walking Footie' can be found on Facebook.

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Are you able to provide Supported Lodgings?

LLAMAU are currently looking for people from the Vale to provide a supportive home for homeless young people.

In this article, a young person who lives in Supported Lodgings explains how this scheme has helped her, while a Provider, who offers a room in her home to young people who are homeless, explains why she is part of the scheme.

***The young person's story…* I was referred to Llamau by Social Services after I had been asked to leave the family home.**

Throughout this time I suffered with mental health issues, anger issues, and self-medicated with cannabis. I took part in Llamau's Family Mediation, to see if my mum and I could build on our relationship, but things had gone too far.

Llamau spoke to me about my options and, together, we agreed that I would go into a Supported Lodgings placement. I was introduced to a Supported Lodgings provider, who was a single woman, and I moved into her house within days.

It was a daunting experience, but I received a lot of support throughout from Llamau, and from the Supported Lodgings provider I was living with.

I started to settle down in school and was able to achieve my GCSE qualifications. The independent skills I was learning helped me address my drug and anger issues, and my mental health improved immensely.

I worked hard to put my past life behind me and started to look forward to my future.

After leaving school I attended Cardiff and Vale College, and achieved Level 1 and Level 2 in Catering and Hospitality. I have now started an apprenticeship in catering with the Coal Exchange Hotel in Cardiff and I enjoy going to work.

I'm looking forward to being independent and will be moving into my own flat at the end of March. My life has changed dramatically through living in Supported Lodgings.

My mum and I now have a good relationship, and I have a special relationship with the woman that helped me change my life.

It is the best thing I have done, getting involved with Llamau and living in a great house, with a wonderful woman who has become a big part of my life.

***Lynne Appleyard tells of how she got involved with Llamau…* Homelessness has always been an important cause to me. When the opportunity with Llamau's Supported Lodgings scheme presented itself, I jumped at the chance to be involved.**

The young people Llamau support are really not to blame for the frightening situations in which they find themselves. Imagine sleeping on a piece of cardboard with just a thin blanket to cover yourself. These young people are vulnerable and at risk of abuse – sexual, mental and physical.

I believe that the young people Llamau support are the future, not only for us, but for the next generation as well. We must break the cycle of homelessness by offering young people a home in which they are welcome, and a comfortable, non-threatening environment in which they have the best opportunity to thrive at a pace that suits them.

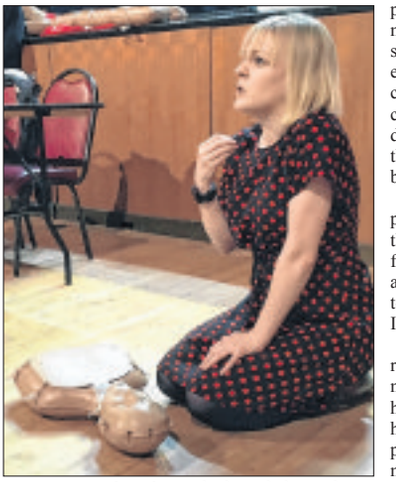
I have been involved with Llamau's Supported Lodgings Scheme since it began and, during that time, I have helped over 100 young people to move forward into independent and purposeful futures.

I believe in the future, I believe in these young people, and Llamau has enabled me to fulfil my wish of a providing homeless young people the chance of a brighter future.

For more information call 01446 748852 or email enquiries@llamau.org.uk

Parkrunners' free CPR training

AN A & E doctor from Penarth is giving free CPR training to Barry parkrunners after a cardiac arrest at her local parkrun last year.



Katie Clark, an emergency medicine trainee at Prince Charles Hospital, Merthyr, is a regular runner at Barry Island parkrun. In October 2018, she was taking part in the parkrun with her partner when another runner collapsed nearby.

A group of runners led by Katie and her partner performed CPR on the man and used the parkrun's defibrillator until the emergency services arrived.

Since then, Katie has been organising CPR training sessions for Barry Island parkrun to share her knowledge and teach the lifesaving skills to as many people as possible.

Katie held a training session at the Paget Rooms in Penarth on March 5.

She said: "The incident at Barry Island parkrun got me thinking about CPR sessions for parkrunners, volunteers and their families across Wales, including defibrillator training. All parkruns are required to obtain a defibrillator if they don't already have one, and no new parkrun can start up unless they have access to one.

"I contacted Adam Fletcher at British Heart Foundation (BHF) Cymru and Chris Davies, parkrun ambassador for Wales. They told me that a CPR initiative had been started by BHFCymru and parkrun in Wales and had trained more than 100 volunteers, but they had slowed down due to a shortage of available trainers.

"I suggested we use the knowledge and skills of junior doctors across the parkrun community in Wales, who are already trained to perform CPR and basic life support as part of their jobs. I've recently recruited a group of junior doctors in a local hospital as trainers for these sessions and hope to build on this."

Adam Fletcher, Head of BHF Cymru, said: "I'm so grateful to Katie for all her support. If more people learn CPR, more lives can be saved. We know that every minute without cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and defibrillation reduces the chance of survival by up to 10 per cent."

Katie and her partner recently met the man who survived following his cardiac arrest when he returned to volunteer at Barry Island parkrun.

She said: "It was really emotional meeting him, seeing him looking well and helping out at the parkrun. It's spurred me on to pass on the message that having the skills to perform CPR means more lives can be saved."

BHF Cymru's Call Push Rescue CPR training kits are available in Welsh and English and are free to eligible Welsh secondary schools. They are also available to order by community groups and workplaces. For more information about CPR, visit: *www.bhf.org.uk*

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Theodore's - the very apotheosis of reclamation yards..

HAVING a chat with the very personable Denis Theodore, we decide that the phrase 'Aladdin's Cave' is overused, and instead I shall call Theodore's Reclamation the summit, the acme, pinnacle, the apogee, the zenith, the very apotheosis of reclamation yards.

And it is. For someone like me who prefers old to new, and knows that chaps like Denis have been 'recycling' , 'reloving' and 'upcycling' since before the hipsters that use these words were born, it's like a toy shop. Slates? Yep. Doors? But of course. A chimney pot? Not a problem. Finials and crests? More than you can shake a stick at. Fires, hearths and beams? Oh yes...

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I ask Denis about 'trends', and in addition to fires and fireplaces ("The things everyone was ripping out 30 years ago..." he says), the Green Man, a symbol of rebirth, is rather in vogue these days and enjoying its own second coming.

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Vale Mayor explains decision to abstain at budget meeting

THE Vale of Glamorgan Mayor, Cllr Leighton Rowlands, has explained why he abstained on budget proposals at an emergency meeting of the council.

The Vale Council is a Conservative-Independent administration, but Vale Leader, Cllr John Thomas, relied on Labour votes to get the budget and council tax increase of 4.9 per cent through last Friday, March 8.

A total of 11 Conservatives abstained on the budget vote and the Vale Mayor Cllr Rowlands, also a Conservative, explained: "As mayor it was very difficult for me to take the decision to abstain on the budget.

"As mayor, it is my duty to promote the interests and reputation of the council and the Vale as a whole and act as an ambassador for both. I was simply not satisfied that Vale council tax payers were getting value for money out of the proposed increase and saving targets were not being met.

"I had concerns about a range of issues and that's why I took the difficult decision to abstain on the budget." **TC**

Exciting plans for new Vale campuses

THE Vale Council and Cardiff and Vale College (CAVC) are working on ambitious proposals for two new multi-million-pound college campus developments – one at Barry Waterfront and the other at Cardiff Airport.

Next week, the council's cabinet will consider the sale of two pieces of land to the college, one located at the Innovation Quarter at the Waterfront and the other on land near the airport.

Cllr Jonathan Bird, cabinet member for regeneration and planning, said: "While negotiations are at an early stage the council is very keen to help Cardiff and Vale College realise its ambition of delivering two new state of the art college campuses in the Vale.

"The sites we have identified offer huge potential. Barry Waterfront is perhaps the most innovative urban regeneration project in Wales. It currently offers first class leisure opportunities, retail outlets and transport links, alongside a mix of housing. A sector-leading higher education campus would be yet another exciting development.

"Equally, development of the second site near to Cardiff Airport would be an exciting early step on developing an area that we see driving forward economic development in the Vale in the near future."

Mark Roberts, chief operating officer at CAVC, said: "We have an ambitious programme of investing in delivering innovative opportunities and facilities for learning in Cardiff and the Vale that will inspire current and future generations. The plans would be a major boost for the college, which is the third largest in the UK.

"This proposal features two brand new state-of-the-art campuses: one at Barry Waterfront which will offer a wide range of vocational and further education courses, and an aerospace and advanced manufacturing campus at Cardiff Airport with STEM centre, IT and cyber security courses."

The GEM understands the college would like to open both campuses in September 2022, but that learning would continue at existing Vale sites until that date so no learning or students would be disrupted.

Cake sale at church hall

A CHARITY cake sale will be held on Thursday, March 21 at Cadoxton Methodist Church Hall, Barry CF63 1JX with all money raised going to The Down Syndrome Association.

'Local politics is not about grabbing headlines'

Cllr John Thomas, the Leader of the Vale Council, on the recent council tax vote

BEING Leader of the Vale Council means having to take difficult decisions, especially in the context of year on year reductions in funding from Welsh Government.

It is grossly naïve to think that we can continue to provide essential local services without having to increase council tax and look at new ways of generating income.

That being said, if you look at council tax rises across Wales there are only three lower than that agreed for the Vale last week. Indeed our increase of only 4.9 per cent compares very favourably with authorities like Pembrokeshire (9.9 per cent), Conwy (9.6 per cent) and Powys (9.5 per cent), and a host of others who have gone over the 5 per cent mark.

My term as leader of a council has seen the council consistently outperform others in terms of the quality of services, while operating on a very lean budget; and I am very proud of the fact that in 2019/20 the Vale will have the sixth lowest council tax rate in Wales, despite receiving a very low level of funding from Welsh Government.

It was a shock to me when four of my Conservative colleagues voted against the budget. Not least because they had made no contribution to the public debate whatsoever. For colleagues to come out in the press now, saying that they had issues with the council tax increase and value for money for residents is rather disingenuous when this matter had been discussed in group meetings on a number of occasions, and no opposition to the figures was raised.

Cllr John Thomas.

The vote on the budget is one of the, if not the, most important decisions that the council makes during the year. Our inability to agree this at the first attempt caused not only embarrassment to the Conservative administration and the council as a whole but also made very real the possibility that we would fail to meet our legal obligations.

It was in this context that I met with members of the group immediately after the vote. I had hoped to agree a way forward. It became quickly clear, however, that I could not rely on their support.

It would have been irresponsible to go into the Special council meeting unsure of whether the budget would be approved, and it was against this context that cross party discussions were held; and I will make no apologies for reaching out to colleagues across the political spectrum when so much was at stake.

This was in the best interests of both the Vale of Glamorgan as a community and the council as an organisation. In setting a budget I have not given in to demands from those within the group or outside. I have listened, and engaged, and have sought at every step to ensure that the Vale maintains the excellent reputation that has been built up over the years.

Being Leader of the Council means making tough and sometimes unpopular decisions. Local politics is not a game. It is not about scoring political points. It isn't about grabbing headlines and it certainly isn't a PR exercise. While appearances may be a major concern for some, my biggest concern will always be the interests of those thousands of people who rely on council services every day.

This is how I have always operated and, given the opportunity, is how I will continue to run the council.

Sarah tackles her '42 at 42'

LOCAL resident Sarah Miles is taking on the London Marathon on April 28.

Sarah told The GEM: "I am using the tagline '42 at 42', because April 28 this year is my 42nd birthday so it seems fitting to run a 42km race on that day!"

Sarah is a managing director of the local organisation 'With Music In Mind' and says she has had amazing support from the group members.

She said: "The training schedule is gruelling and without the encouragement of my family, friends, colleagues, members of my choir Côr Bro Ogwr and the lovely With Music In Mind singers, it would be so difficult."

She ran the marathon 15 years ago in aid of Headway Cardiff and is looking forward to challenging her previous time with 15 years more mileage on the clock!

Sarah is raising money for local children's hospice Tŷ Hafan, the Vale-based charity that provides holistic palliative care for children with life-limiting conditions and their families from throughout Wales.

She is a committee member of the Elis Rose Legacy Fund, which so far has successfully raised over £11,000 for Tŷ Hafan.

Sarah Miles training for the London Marathon.

Sarah said: "My goal is to raise a further £2,000 for the charity through the London Marathon. I have a VirginMoneyGiving page which can be found by searching 'Sarah Miles 42 at 42', sponsorship forms and collection boxes in local shops such as the Tŷ Hafan shop in Cowbridge and Cowbridge leisure centre.

"The local primary school Y Bont Faen is going to have a non-uniform day just before the Easter holidays and beautiful harmonious singing duo Indigo May are putting on a concert on April 6 at 7.30pm in the Duke of Wellington, tickets are £10 each."

Travelodge has eyes on Penarth

PENARTH has been chosen as one of seven locations where Travelodge wants to open a hotel in an expansion programme that collectively represents an investment value of £45 million and will create 200 new jobs in Wales, including 25 jobs and an investment of around £7 million for third party investors in Penarth.

The other six locations on the Travelodge Wales expansion programme are Aberystwyth, Pwllheli, Swansea, Tenby, Torfaen/Blaenau and Wrexham.

A Travelodge spokesperson said: "Penarth has been identified as a key target area, as it is growing from strength to strength and attracting record visitor numbers. However, there remains a shortage of good quality, low cost accommodation.

"The new hotel would also help attract new visitors to the area and boost the local economy, as Travelodge research shows its customers spend on average double their room rate with local businesses, which equates to a multimillion spend annually."

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Family's plea after 'cruel' theft of horses

ABOVE and RIGHT: The horses that were stolen.

A Vale resident has spoken of her disgust after two of her horses were stolen overnight on Friday, March 1.

Tequilla Huntley said: "The horses were stolen from a livery yard at Bonvilston.

"They are so beautiful and our absolute world. It's a disgusting thing to do.

"We are offering a reward for any valid information about this. They are very distinguishable and have very distinctive traits.

"I don't know what sort of person can do such a cruel thing.

"The next night the tack room was broken into and equipment such as rugs, saddles and bridles taken.

"I think the horses are probably still local and I'm appealing to local people to keep a lookout."

A South Wales Police spokeswoman said: "We are investigating the theft of two horses from a field near Springfield Lane, Bonvilston.

"The theft occurred sometime between 5.30pm on March 1 and 12.30pm on March 2. Both horses are brown in colour and stand at 16.3 hands.

"A number of items were also stolen from the stables including tack, two saddles, a Senci generator, a chainsaw and a hedge cutter."

Anyone with information is asked to call 101 quoting reference 1900079131 (horses) and 1900077142 (equipment) or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

News in brief

Penarth Local History Society

BRIAN Davies will give a talk on Cardiff's Forgotten Castles on Thursday, March 14 at All Saints' Church Lesser Hall, Penarth at 7.30pm.

Admission is £2 for non members. Please come along and support your local history society.

Art explained

LLANTWIT Major Art and Craft group will meet on Friday, March 15 at 7.30pm at Llantonian Hall.

Joan Hughes and Rhoda Luzio, two of the members, will give an interactive presentation entitled 'What is Art?' to include a thought provoking, informal discussion with a slide-show which encourages the audience to join in. Visitors are welcome to come along and join the group, which is very friendly and happy to share skills. A fee of £3 is payable on the night.

Lunchtime Concerts at All Saints Barry

The monthly series of Lunchtimes recitals continues this month, with an Recital by the Sixth Form Musicians at The Bishop of Llandaff High School on Saturday, March 16.

The students are all working incredibly hard prior to their A/AS Level Music Examination which is taking place later this month. The recital will feature singers, pianists, clarinetists to name a few.

AM's surgery

JANE Hutt AM will hold an advice surgery at the CAB Offices, 119 Broad Street, Barry, CF62 7TZ on Saturday, March 16 from 10am-11am.

‘It’s been muddy hell’ say Dinas Powys councillors

BARRATT Homes has apologised to residents in Dinas Powys following complaints about excessive amounts of mud and silt on local roads caused by construction traffic.

It said it is working closely with the Vale Council to “comply with all planning conditions” after being served with a formal notice.

The developer is building 215 houses at the former St Cyres School site and community councillors say that over the months, mud has coated Murch Road and Murch Crescent and splattered nearby cars.

Construction traffic from the development site goes straight into the village and community councillors have complained about excessive deposits of mud and silt on local roads.

Community councillor Chris Franks said: “It has taken six months of complaints from residents and Plaid community councillors to force the Vale Council to address the problem of mud and silt on Dinas Powys roads.

“The council has been timid and lacked resolve. The lack of effective action to protect residents has been a disgrace.

“At long last the county council has served a Section 187A notice on the developers BDW to properly implement planning conditions.

“The legal notice states that the developer has a month to address the breach of conditions.”

Wheel washing facilities were introduced at the Dinas Powys site, but Cllr Franks says the measure had not been effective enough: “The Vale Council states that the arrangements on site are not consistently preventing the depositing of mud and silt onto the public highway.

“In addition, the notice states there is no settlement pond or filtration system for the wheel wash and the road sweeper is not being deployed sufficiently.”

Steve Williams, the managing director of Barratt Homes South Wales, apologised to local residents for the inconvenience and said action was being taken to deal with the problem.

He said: “We always work to minimise the effects of construction and apologise to anyone who has been inconvenienced by work in Dinas Powys.

“We are working closely with Vale Council to ensure that we comply with all planning conditions and following recent bad weather we have made modifications to measures to minimise mud and silt deposits on the public highway.

“We have installed a tarmac surface to provide a smoother area for the jet-washing operation and installed a sump to collect any excess water running off the vehicles.

“The tyres of vehicles leaving the development during the day will continue to have their tyres cleaned by the jet-wash.”

Cllr Jonathan Bird, cabinet member for regeneration and planning at the Vale Council, said the council had been closely monitoring compliance at the development from the very start of construction.

He explained: “Our enforcement team has been working with the developer to overcome local residents’ concerns and has taken quick and decisive action to resolve breaches of the planning conditions when they have arisen.

“The council’s planning enforcement team contacted the developers on February 14 to specify a number of improvements required to keep the roads clean. This is the latest in a series of formal notices served on the developer.

“Subsequent site visits along with evidence provided by local residents made clear that initial improvements and attempts at compliance were simply not sufficient.

“While new arrangements for washing the wheels of vehicles leaving the site had been put in place, these were failing to ensure that excessive mud was not being deposited from the site onto the road.

“Consequently, on March 6, the Vale Council served the developer with their second Breach of Condition Notice.”

Cllr Bird added: “The developer has been given one month to ensure full compliance with the requirements of the notice. This is the minimum time allowed under planning legislation. Should the developer fail to comply with the requirements of the notice the council will consider a legal prosecution.”

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Vale Council unveils new parking plans

A new approach to parking management across the Vale is to be considered by the council’s cabinet on Monday, March 18, with the council looking to introduce further charging in some car parks and also ‘on street’ in resorts.

No charges would be introduced for ‘on street’ town centre parking under the proposals. The proposals would see parking remain free of charge for the first two hours as well as free parking on Sundays in all town centre car parks. Permits would be available for regular users. Charges would apply for stays of longer than two hours in town centre car parks but not on street.

All year round resort car park charges are proposed for car parks at Barry Island, Ogmore-by-Sea and Southerndown. These charges vary between peak and off-peak times and parking would be free before 8am with reduced tariffs after 4pm. On street parking charges would also be applied at the resorts of Barry Island and Penarth Esplanade.

Under the proposals, which have been produced by council officers following a public consultation exercise in 2018, charges would also be applied at the coastal car parks of Barry’s Cold Knap, Cwm Col Huw in Llantwit Major and at Penarth’s Cliff Walk. These new charges will for 2019/20 only apply during the summer season.

Annual passes would be available for all resort and coastal car parks.

Charges of between £1 and £3 would be applied to Cosmeston Lakes and Porthkerry Country Parks between 8am and 6pm. Again, a reduced price annual pass would be available.

Parking for cars displaying a blue badge would remain free of charge in all instances.

A spokesperson for the council said: “Maintaining the Vale’s car parks costs the council upwards of £300,000 each year and this does not include the costs of managing the resorts they support.

“As was widely acknowledged during the debate on the council’s budget for 2019/20, we have no alternative but to seek to raise additional income if we wish to continue to provide the services that we know our residents want and which bring visitors to the Vale.

“We have listened carefully to the views shared during the consultation and the policy proposed differs significantly from that proposed by Capita. Parking will be free for two hours in all town centre car parks and town centre on street parking will incur no charge at all. We have done all we can to ensure these charges do not penalise local residents and where new charges are being proposed we have ensured these will be competitive with neighbouring local authority areas.

“The new measures for residents’ parking permits will also ensure that where spaces are at a premium local residents can ensure they have preference for a very reasonable cost, with no restriction on the number of permits that each household can apply for.”

If approved on March 18, the council’s new parking policy is likely to come into effect later this year once the legal framework is in place.

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‘Tackling the problem of agricultural pollution’

THE issue of agricultural pollution is a concern for every farmer. A single pollution incident can cause huge harm to wildlife and the environment, while the steady, periodic or combined leaching of pollutants can lead to damaging concentrations of nitrates or other chemicals, resulting in problems such as algal blooms and the contamination of water supplies.

Rachel Saunders of the Farmers’ Union of Wales writes on Farming Matters.

Of course, pollution brings with it financial costs for farm businesses - whether directly, as a result of fines, or a result of the loss of valuable nutrients from soils and other adverse impacts.

Thankfully, the data available for agricultural pollution incidents from January 2010 to February 2018 shows only one per cent of farms in Wales to have been recorded as having a substantiated pollution incident; but some of those that have been attributed to farming were catastrophic, adding to existing pressures from members of the public, charities and other bodies to tighten up farming regulations.

Such pressures, which have been exacerbated by unusually wet periods in recent years, come against a background of legislative pressure due to Nitrate Vulnerable Zone and Water Framework Directive legislation.

For these reasons, the FUW has worked with others for decades to help address agricultural pollution in a proportionate and targeted way.

In recent years, a large proportion of this work has been through the FUW’s membership of the Welsh Land Management Forum (WLMF), chaired by Natural Resources Wales, and in particular the WLMF agricultural pollution sub-group, which has met monthly over the past two years.

Following a consultation on the expansion of Wales’ Nitrate Vulnerable Zones and a request from Welsh Government Cabinet Secretary Lesley Griffiths in April 2018, the group submitted a detailed report and 45 recommendations to the Cabinet Secretary.

While work by the group continued, with a particular emphasis on targeting actions in areas where problems are known to exist, it seems that the work of the Welsh Government ground to a halt in terms of considering the recommendations or the results of a programme of NRW farm visits aimed at identifying problems and appropriate solutions.

Lesley Griffiths has neither met with the group nor responded to the recommendations. Rather, the Welsh Government announced in November that it intends to bring forward legislation for the whole of Wales which is, to all intents and purposes, a cut-and-paste of the NVZ rules – increasing the number of Welsh farm holdings subject to costly and restrictive legislation from an estimated 600 to more than 24,000.

While there are problems that must be addressed, such a move is wholly disproportionate, and would undermine efforts to target pollution in those areas where action is needed, while adding huge costs and burdens in vast areas where no problems exist.

The GEM asked the Welsh Government to comment and The Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs, Lesley Griffiths, said: “Failure to tackle the issue of agricultural pollution would be highly damaging for Wales; in terms of its reputation, on the environment and for Wales’ future trading arrangements post-Brexit.

“The appropriate and fair way to deal with the issue of agricultural pollution in Wales is to tackle it at source, with measures aimed at dealing with poor practice which is still seen far too frequently across Wales.

“I have welcomed the recommendations made by the Wales Land Management Forum sub-group (WLMF) and we are already implementing a number of them.

“It remains the intention of the Welsh Government to establish the right balance of measures and officials from relevant departments meet with the WLMF on a monthly basis. The proposed regulations are proportionate, based upon good practice recommendations and will play an important role, alongside other measures, in helping address agricultural pollution in Wales.”

News in brief

Celebrating ‘spring equinox’

ON Wednesday, March 20 from 6.30pm to 7.30pm, there will be a ‘Happy Days’ event at the Knap Lake and Gardens in Barry.

Artist Glyn Pooley said: “Come along and celebrate International Day of Happiness and the spring equinox with Art4U. Share a joke, a gift, an artwork or just your beautiful smile. Anything you think that can help create happiness for someone.

“We will be joined by the fabulous Porthkerry Community Choir. We meet at the ‘Tree of Friendship’ and will take a gentle walk around the lake. It’s free and everyone is welcome.”

Councillors’ surgery

THE Labour Councillors for Buttrills, Cadoc, Castleland and Court Wards, will hold their regular monthly advice surgery on Saturday, March 16 in the Small Community Room, Barry Library, King Square from 10am until 11am. No appointment is necessary.

What’s on and where?

Messy Church in Penarth

Messy Church is back at All Saints Church in Victoria Square, Penarth, this Sunday, March 17, from 4pm to 5.30pm.

There will be a range of craft activities and games for all ages on the theme of Jesus being tempted by the devil in the wilderness, followed by a short time of worship and a cooked tea for all. Admission is free although donations are welcomed.

For more information visit allsaintspenarth.org.uk.

Llantwit surgery

LLANTWIT First Independents hold surgeries at the Heritage Centre, Town Hall, Llantwit Major on the first and third Saturdays of every month, including holidays.

The surgeries commence at 9.30am and end at 11.30am, when residents are welcome to attend. The next surgery is on Saturday, March 16 and we look forward to discuss any issues with you.

What’s on and where?

Messy Church

MESSY Church will be held on Sunday, March 17 in the Reading Room, Bonvilston (opposite Old Village Shop) at 2.30pm until about 4pm.

We extend a warm welcome to youngsters (and toddlers with their parents); there will be activities for all the family; lots of crafty things to make, a Bible story, some singing and refreshments.

We would be delighted if you could join us; further info from Rev Lee Dutfield on 07784 869020; Canon Martyn Davies on 01446 760498 or Ann Roach on 01446 781309.

Diabetes event

THE Vale of Glamorgan Diabetes UK voluntary group will meet on Tuesday, March 19 in the Board Room, Llandough Hospital, Penarth at 7.30pm-9pm.

The speaker will be Dr Julia Platts, Consultant in medicine and diabetes and our group president will give an informative presentation and answer questions. Anyone welcome!

Crafts in Rhoose

RHOOSE Adult Craft Group Open Day takes place on Saturday, March 23 from 1pm-5pm at Celtic Way Community Centre, Rhoose.

Free entry; crafts for sale, lots of crafts to try. New members always welcome.

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SURGEON David Nott visited Penarth on February 28 to talk about his experiences over more than two decades, volunteering his skills in the world's most dangerous war zones. Hosted by Griffin Books at the Glamorganshire Golf Club, the event drew a sell-out crowd of over 120 people, all keen to hear his story.

Bookshop owner Mel Griffin interviewed Dr Nott about his recently published book, *War Doctor*, extracts from which had been read daily that week on BBC Radio 4. Dr Nott has completed an incredible 27 humanitarian missions, from Sarajevo to Syria, putting his own life at risk on numerous occasions.

He also played a key part in the international diplomacy leading to the successful evacuation of remaining civilians and medical professionals from East Aleppo in 2016. The event ended with a standing ovation for Dr Nott.

Griffin Books would like to thank the audience, who donated more than £360 for the David Nott Foundation, the charity established by Dr Nott and his wife to provide specialised training in trauma surgery to local doctors in conflict zones.

Signed copies of *War Doctor* are available from Griffin Books.

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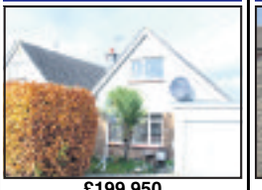

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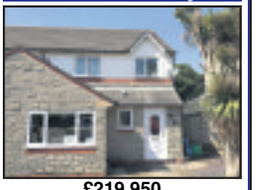

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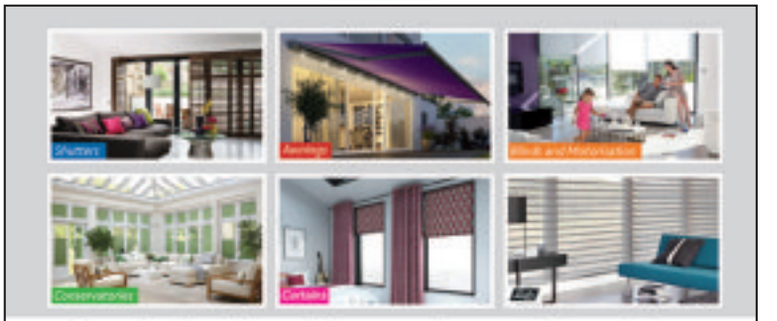

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Barrie will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service in the Chapel of Rest on Monday, 18th March at 1.45pm, followed by committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium. Immediate family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if so desired, for Marie Curie Hospice Penarth c/o the funeral director.

TYRRELL
Frederick Raymond (Ray)

Peacefully at home on 22nd February, Ray, devoted husband to Jan, much loved dad of Daniel, survived by Nicola, Claire and Adam.

Ray will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until his service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Monday, 18th March at 2pm. No flowers by request. Donations, if desired, may be sent to Ward B4 Haematology Unit, University Hospital Of Wales, Cardiff, CF14 4XW in memory of Ray.

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Carol will be sadly missed by all her family and many friends.

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THOMAS
Brinley Edward (Bryn)

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Dennis John

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Family and friends wishing to attend the service for Dennis are invited to meet at the Cadoxton Methodist Chapel, Barry on Friday, 22nd March at 2pm.

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MORGAN
Robert (Bobby)

Peacefully on 2nd March at Llandough Hospital. Beloved husband of the late Jean. Dad of Christine and Robert, father-in-law to Susan and the late Garfield and a much loved grandad and great grandad.

Bob will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

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Susan Marigold

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CROOK
Robert John

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GALLIVAN
Tom

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Marian Lupton (Kim) and family would like to thank Lyndsay Ellis and all the staff at The Vale Funeral Service, and Ceri-Lou Newman, Civil Celebrant, for all their help and support with the funeral arrangements for Harold Lupton who died peacefully at home on Monday, 18th February.

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Mary Florence (Molly)

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CHARLES
Steven John

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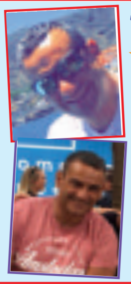

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Vale horse comes third in Cheltenham classic

LLANCARFAN'S Evan Williams was delighted to say the least when his Silver Streak, the rank outsider at 80-1, finished third behind the Irish-trained Espoir D'Allen and Melon in Tuesday's classic Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham.

Silver Streak, the only grey in the 10-runner field and who had been runner-up in his previous three races was partnered by stable jockey Adam Wedge, who said: "He tried all the way through and I thought we would get second.''

The winner won by 15 lengths but there was only a neck between the second and third.

Williams, a former national champion point-to-point rider, told the press: "I'm over the moon. At one point I'd have been happy if he'd won a couple of little handicaps and he's ended up finishing third in the Champion Hurdle."

"I'm delighted, surprised and shocked," he added. "I can't believe it. The only thing I've got right with this horse is that he needed a genuine pace to come off. Nobody wants to see a horse in the wrong race. His performance has shown he was in the right race and it will be easier with him now we know he's good enough.''

Less than half-an-hour after Silver Streak's race, his stable companion Annie Bonny ran out a 13 lengths winner of the novices' handicap hurdle at Sedgefield under Mitchell Bastyan.

Silver Streak's third place earned his owner £47,745 and for winning at Sedgefield Annie Bonny's winning connections received £4,094.

Brian Lee

Lily needs your votes!

A father is appealing for votes for his daughter to become a brand ambassador for an ice skating company.

Luke Walding, general manager of The Brecon & Radnor Express in Brecon, said his daughter Lily is one of 16 finalists who are in with the chance of becoming a Two Birds, which is an ice skating shop, ambassador.

The seven-year-old ice skater, from Cwmbran, puts in over 20 hours of practice a week in Cardiff and travels across the country for competitions.

Luke said: "Through the hard work and dedication from training 20-plus hours a week she deserves everybody to vote for her – she's only seven and she puts all that effort in. I am very proud, she's an amazing ice skater and an amazing person."

Two ice skaters will be chosen to become brand ambassadors following the competition – one from the under-12 category and another from the over-12 category.

The proud father-of-two said: "When I watch Lily compete, for those two to four minutes on the ice, its like the whole world disappears and its just her.

"The way she performs to the music completely captivates my attention, a feeling of being almost hypnotised by how amazing she is.

"Her dedication and passion for ice skating is second to none and I honestly believe she has the ability to become something special."

To vote for Lily, go to the Two Birds website and watch her personal video before filling in the form. Only one vote is allowed per email address.

Voting will close on Friday, March 15 at 6pm and the winners will be announced live on the Two Birds London Facebook page.

AB

Lady golfers enjoy St David's Day

First team Leeks.

First team Daffodils

ON February 28, a very wet day, following several warm and sunny days, the Ladies of Cottrell Park Golf Club played a St David's Day competition, a nine hole Stableford with best two out of three scores to count.

They divided into two teams: the Leeks versus the Daffodils, the Leeks winning with the highest total score. There were prizes for the best group of three in each team: the Leeks, Nan Thomas, Patricia Haines and Helen Ruttley with 34 points, and the Daffodils, Patricia Davies, Rusty Fone and Regina Drew with 33 points. Lorraine Pointon-Bell presented the prizes, her last official duty as Ladies' captain.

All the players were thoroughly soaked on their return but spirits remained high as they enjoyed coffee and welsh cakes.

CB

Barry Town United represented in 'C' international match

WHILE Ryan Giggs prepares the national team for the start of a new qualifying campaign next week, no fewer than five Barry Town United players will be on international duty in Giggs' home city, as the Wales C squad reconvenes for another crack at their English counterparts.

Kayne McLaggon, Jordan Cotterill, Robbie Patten, Clayton Green, and Chris Hugh will travel to link up with Mark Jones and Owain Tudor Jones' training camp in Manchester, immediately following Barry's re-arranged JD Welsh Premier League meeting between Barry and Bala.

The ensuing C international between England and Wales, the second in as many seasons, will be played at the new-look Peninsula Stadium, home of National League promotion hopefuls Salford City, the club part-owned by Giggs and a host of former Manchester United teammates.

One year ago, the C Lions roared to success in a 3-2 thriller in Barry, with Fejiri Okenabirhie catching the eye with a match-winning hat-trick.

With five inclusions in Jones' 21-man squad, Barry are the most represented club side from either of the nations.

S4C will be streaming the full 90 minutes via the Sgorio Facebook page, with kick-off at 7.45pm.

AC

North Cornelly man joins British team

NORTH Cornelly's Paul Davies will be a member of the British para table tennis team competing in the Lignano Masters Open in Italy from March 14-16.

Davies, at 52 the oldest member of the 16-strong British team, will compete in the men's class one category.

Ranked sixth in the world, he is an experienced competitor and was a medallist at the 2012 Paralympics in London.

He was paralysed in a motorbike accident in 1986 and later took up table tennis.

The Lignano tournament marks the start of the sport's qualification period for the Tokyo Paralympics in 2020, and Davies will be looking to make an early impression.

Report by Michael Prosser

Barry and District Ladies Skittles League results

DIVISION 1:

Space Finders 315 (R Whyman 35), Cigar Ladies 354 (J Bryne 35); Family & Friends 231 (A Baker 25), Allsorts 226 (L Thomas & J Jones 23); Barry Stars 231 (C Lambeth), Pila Pala 240 (M Staniforth 24); Special Angels 234 (C Thomas 32), La Bells 218 (E Cordy 26); Cadoxton Con Fillies 236 (A Beatie 28), Coppers 259 (S Curtis 29).

Division 2:

Airways Angels 228 (A Sales 25), Bobby's Girls 237 (L Evans & J Barnett 26); Witchill Weebies 342 (N Hillburg 34), Breakaways 296 (V Martin 32); Red Admiral 243 (S Clements 25), Roller Coasters 228 (S Thomas 26); Challengers 253 (H Velda 28), Colcot Ladies 225 (D Mansbridge & M Snelling 25); Rhoose Starlights 247 (L Field 28), Rugby Triers 243 (K Brooke 26).

Division 3:

Merry Makers 224 (E. Page 24), Dolly Mixtures 212 (E. Bryan 22); Off The Rails 238 (S. Crump & L. McCormack 25), Sea View Ladies 229 (F. Butler 29); Witchill Widows 281 (M. Curry 29), Little Devils 283 (J.H. Jones 34); Hillbillies 271 (T. Carney & J. Lambeth 34), Witches 314 (V. Walters 33); Westenders 254 (M. Condon 31), Etcetera 272 (S. Dyke 27).

Division 4:

Bimbos 226 (C. Cockram & L. Hobbs 22), Socialites 198; Rebels 184 (L. Spurr 22), Nite Outers 211 (G. Baker 26); Odd Bods 224 (T. Perry 25), Boozy Birds 244 (S. Vater & J. Lardner 25).

HB

Barry Beavers hold AGM

ON February 7 Barry Beavers had their AGM at the Civic Offices, Barry.

They discussed events such as PiP (Party In the Park) 3, the summer trip and the Christmas party.

On February 9, both Nadine and Nicholas, along with Nadia and Jen Thomson were issued with their instructors' shirts to wear in the pool during club sessions, and for the Halliwick training course later that month.

These four members went on to do the Foundation phase course, which others from clubs across Wales and abroad also attended. They had an assessor to run the four-day course at Barry Leisure Centre.

They all completed it and were presented with their certificates by the assessor (Ann Gresswell). They all will look into doing the advanced course later this year, which will run at Barry Leisure Centre again.

NC

Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club

THE results for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for March 11 are as follows.

First, Mike Best and Kevin Maddox 68.16 per cent; second, Glyn Williams and Vida Halford, 61.72 per cent; third, Trish Roe and Anne Hughes, 59.77 per cent.

LE

Old Hall Bridge Club news

THE results for Old Hall Bridge Club on March 6 are as follows.

First, Glenda Roberts and Colin Lewis; second, Cathy and James Mangles.

TP

On and Off The Turf with Brian Lee

VALE trainers Tim Vaughan and Christian Williams both saddled winners on Monday, March 4.

Vaughan's *Glimpse Of Gold*, partnered by stable jockey Alan Johns, landed the Selling Handicap Hurdle at Southwell finishing eight lengths ahead of *Kilcaragh Boy;* and Williams' *Fifty Shades*, at six the youngest horse in the three miles handicap chase, got home by half-a-length from the top-weighted *Sackett*.

Williams' *Uno Mas* failed to make it a four-timer when finishing half-a-length behind the top-weighted **Canyon City** in the Fakenham £10,00 handicap hurdle.

TUESDAY SUCCESS FOR WELSH JOCKEYS

WELSH jockeys Connor Brace, Lorcan Williams and Sean Bowen all rode winners at Exeter on March 5.

Brace, whose grandfather David Brace OBE runs the Dunraven Stud at Pyle, took the opening handicap hurdle on the Phillip Hobbs-trained *Smarty Wild*.

Williams – no relation to Evan Williams – was later successful on the top-weighted *Truckers Lodge* trained by Paul Nicholls, and later again in the afternoon Pembrokeshire's Sean Bowen won on *Billy Broncho* for Llancarfan's Evan Williams.

Evan's daughter Isabel, riding her father's 33-1 chance *Firebird Flyer* was beaten just three quarters of a length by *Jai Froid*.

Over at Newcastle, trainer Tim Vaughan's 301 mile journey from Aberthin proved worthwhile as his stable jockey Alan Johns took the opening novices' handicap hurdle on *Oriental Cross*, who was returned at odds of 5-1.

ANOTHER WINNER FOR CONNOR

CONNOR Brace, who hails from the Vale, chalked-up another winner when riding former leading National Hunt jockey Sam Thomas' six-year-old *IWillDoIt* to an eight lengths win over *Same Circus* in the Cheltenham Festival On Racing TV Handicap Hurdle at Catterick, on March 6.

Thomas trains at Lisvane in Cardiff and *IWillDoIt* was returned the 11/8 favourite.

Less than 24 hours after riding I*WillDoIt* to victory in the 4.20 at Catterick on Wednesday, Porthcawl Connor Brace was back in the winners' enclosure at Carlisle after he had won the opening 2.20 race the Conditionals And Amateurs Hurdle on the Venitia Williams-trained *Jurys Out*.

Jurys Out, the 2-1 favourite, won by four lengths from *Strike West*.

TIM'S SANDOWN WINNER

ABERTHIN trainer Tim Vaughan saw his *Le Milos* land the opening Get Switched On With Matchbook Juvenile Handicap Hurdle at Sandown Park last Saturday.

Well ridden by stable jockey Alan Johns, *Le Milos*, a 20-1 outsider came home four lengths ahead of the favourite *The Knot Is Tied* which, ridden by Bryony Frost, was finishing in the runner-up spot for the third time in a row.

Another Welsh rider to ride a winner at Sandown was Sean Bowen who won the Open National Hunt Flat race on 5-1 chance *Misty Whisky* for Henry Fry.

Llancarfan's Evan Wiilliams was successful at Hereford with his five-year-old *Esprit Du Large* which, ridden by stable jockey Adam Wedge, took the MansionBet Novices' Hurdle by 10 lengths from the odds-on *Newtown Boy*.

In the afternoon, Bargoed's David Probert won the SunRacing.Co.UK Lincoln Trail Handicap at Wolverhampton on the Andrew Balding-trained *Zwayan*, a 7-1 chance, and in the evening at Kempton Park he scored on 11-4 favourite *Nylon Speed* for Alan King.

BRECON & TALYBONT HUNT STEEPLECHASES

OWNERS, riders and trainers from the Vale will be heading to Llanfrynach on Sunday for the Brecon & Talybont Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases and Cowbridge's Byron Moorcroft will be hoping to ride a few more winners in his bold bid to win the Welsh Riders' Championship.

Merthyr Mawr's Jack Tudor will also be hoping he can come away with a winner of two in his bid to land the national novice riders' title. The first race is at 1pm.

A DOZEN UP FOR BYRON

COWBRIDGE'S Byron Moorcroft chalked-up his 12th winner of the season when landing the restricted race on Sarah McQueen's *Havent Time* at the Flint & Denbigh Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases on Sunday.

Welsh champion rider Bradley Gibbs riding Jane Price's *Terrierman* took division two of the open maiden on Terrierman.

CONNOR AGAIN!

FERGAL O'Brien's seven pound-claiming jockey Connor Brace from the Vale will soon be losing his allowance if he carries on the way he has been – he's ridden six winners since the end of last month.

His latest was on March 11, when he won the opening Juvenile Hurdle on 14-1 outsider *Phoenican Star* for O'Brien, who trains in the Cotswolds.

Later in the afternoon Tim Vaughan's *Hazm*, a 10-1 chance, won the Maiden Open Flat Race under Richard Patrick who is no stranger to Wales.

Penllyn Bridge Club latest

PENLLYN Bridge Club results for February are as follows:

February 7, 20 pairs Robert Brown Cup competition: first David and Marion Stephenson 57.07; second Marian East and Barbara Easterbrook 56.82 per cent; third Chris Impey and Ann Birt 56.57 per cent.

February 14, 20 pairs: first John Lord and Jo Ilsley 68.69; second Ireen and Richard Daniels 61.36; third David and Marion Stephenson 60.61.

February 21, 22 pairs: first Allan Evans and Norma Barber 61.14; second Marian East and Barbara Easterbrook 59.77; third Eric and Anne Sparks 58.18.

February 28, 15 pairs Robert Brown Cup competition: first Eric and Anne Sparks 62.5; second Norma Barber and Dot Williams 61.25; third Helen and Mike Ruttley 59.17.

CN

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Vale of Glamorgan Football League news round-up

DESPITE a few games falling foul of the weather, an entertaining Saturday was had in the VOGAFL.

Barry Athletic now just need one more win to retain their Premier Division crown, but they were made to work for the points away to St Athan, as they came from behind to grab a last-minute winner.

Coree Roberts' delightful lob put St Athan ahead but Teejay Caton notched a fine double to ensure Athletic remain on course for the title.

In Division One just the one game survived as Cadoxton Imps' promotion chase suffered a bump in the road as they were held to a thrilling 3-3 draw by Cwm Talwg.

Imps now sit three points off second-placed Tynewydd with a game in hand and a slightly better goal difference, plus the two sides clash at the end of the month in what should be a huge game for both clubs.

In Division Two, leaders AFC Rhoose B avenged last week's cup thumping to defeat Penarth Town B 4-2. The result sees Rhoose move three points ahead of St Athan B who were held 1-1 away to Vale Madrid, although Rhoose have played two games less.

Barry Vikings' game was postponed and they are now in third, four points off top with a game in hand.

The title race in Division Two looks set to go right to the wire with some interesting and exciting twists and turns to come in the next few weeks.

Finally, Barry Athletic B returned to winning ways as they survived a late Island Marine B fight-back to win the Barry Island derby 3-2.

HD

Stableford action for golfers

DESPITE a forecast of heavy rain from midday, St Mary's Golf Club's senior section turned out in force for a popular Two Division Stableford competition.

The golfers were thankful that the promised rain held off, and everyone completed the full course of 18 holes.

Division One for handicaps up to 21 was headed by old campaigner Roy Denton with a score of 37 points, one ahead of Graham Jones. Wayne Newton completed the placings on 35 points.

Phil Banks claimed the Division Two victory with a fine 39 points. Section captain Dave Hughes secured second spot on 37 points with former paramedic Trevor Evans just one behind on 36.

Two days later, in strong blustery winds with yet more rain forecast, 15 members of the section teed off in a team Texas Scramble played over 10 holes.

Sub-par scores are to be expected in the Texas Scramble format and the five teams did not disappoint. At the end of play, two teams shared the win on a score of 26, 11 strokes under the par of 37 for the 10 holes played.

Phil Banks' continued good form helped fellow team members Bryant Thomas and Gareth Jones to bag one of the winning spots, while the smoking hot putter of Eddie Fothergill proved to be a telling factor in supporting section chairman and Norman Lloyd in claiming the other.

NL

Vale Bridge Club results

THE latest results for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for March 4 are:

First, Tony Disley and Phil Felman, 72.50 per cent; second, Mike Best and Kevin Maddox, 69.79 per cent; third equal, Stella Miller and Emer Disley; Glyn Williams and Vida Halford, 56.46 per cent.

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16 66 BMW 335 DXDrive M Sport Estate Automatic, BMW warranty Jan 2020, M sport + pack, Harman kardon, 19"alloys, sat nav, 22k, met grey, full leather....**£24995**

17 17 BMW 420 I XDrive Sport Gran Coupe 5dr Automatic, BMW warranty Sept 2020, sat nav, 25k, grey, full leather....**£20995**

15 65 BMW 420 DXDrive Luxury 2dr Coupe Automatic, sat nav, heated seats, 39k, grey, full leather **£17495**

15 65 BMW 420 D XDrive M Sport Coupe Automatic, M sport + pack, sat nav, 25k, white, full leather....**£20495**

15 65 BMW 430 D XDrive M Sport 2dr Automatic, M sport + pack, 19"alloys, red, full leather **£19995**

16 66 BMW 435 D XDrive M Sport Convertible, BMW warranty Nov 2019, sat nav, 22k, white, full leather....**£23995**

15 65 BMW X1 2.0 D XDrive X-Line 5dr, sat nav plus, electric memory seats, 10k, black, full leather....**£19495**

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16 66 FORD KUGA 2.0 TDCI Titanium 5dr 4x4, Ford warranty Dec 2019, appearance pack, 19"alloys, blue, half-leather **£13995**

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16 16 JEEP RENEGADE 2.0 M-Jet II Longitude 5dr 4WD, Jeep warranty Sept 2019, sat nav, pan roof, 17"alloys, choice, 22k....**£12495**

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16 16 KIA SPORTAGE 2.0 CRDI KX-4 AWD 5dr, pan roof, sat nav, cruise, reverse camera, 23k, met red, full leather....**£18995**

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18 18 MINI COUNTRYMAN 1.5 Cooper ALL4 5dr, Mini warranty April 2021, chilli pack, sat nav, heated seats, only 1903 miles, green....**£21495**

13 63 MINI COUNTRYMAN 1.6 Cooper D All4 5dr, Privacy glass, Bluetooth, aux, usb, silver....**£9995**

15 65 MINI COUNTRYMAN 1.6 Cooper D ALL4 5dr, chilli + tlc pack, media pack – sat nav, heated seats, 37k, black, full leather **£12995**

15 65 MINI PACEMAN 1.6 John Cooper Works ALL4 3dr (218bhp), chilli + tlc pack, 39k, red, full leather **£14995**

14 64 MINI PACEMAN 1.6 COOPER D ALL4 3dr, chilli pack, media – sat nav, 17"black alloys, 34K, grey, half-leather **£9995**

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14 14 NISSAN JUKE 1.6 DIG-T Nismo 5dr 4WD CVT Automatic (197bhp), sat nav, reverse camera, Bluetooth, 18" alloys, white **£9995**

16 16 NISSAN QASHQAI 1.6 DCI N-Connecta 5dr 4WD, Nissan warranty April 2019, sat nav, reverse camera, heated seats, 16k, black **£14495**

15 65 NISSAN X-TRAIL 1.6 DCI Tekna 5dr 4WD (7-Seater), sat nav, reverse camera, met green, full leather....**£15295**

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16 66 VW GOLF 2.0 TSI R 5dr 4WD, VW warranty Feb 2020, sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, heated seats, 19k, red **£21995**

16 66 VW GOLF 2.0 TSI R 5dr DSG Automatic 4WD, VW warranty Nov 2019, sat nav, heated seats, 21k, choice....**£21995**

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18 18 BMW 520 I M Sport 4dr Automatic, BMW warranty July 2021, sat nav, xenons, cruise, 15k, white, full leather **£26995**

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15 65 BMW 640 DSE Gran Coupe 4dr Automatic, sat nav, 20"alloys, privacy glass, black, full leather **£20995**

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16 66 FORD KUGA 1.5 T EcoBoost ST-Line 5dr, Ford warranty Jan 2020, sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, 23k, white, half-leather **£16995**

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15 65 HYUNDAI TUCSON 1.7 CRDI BlueDrive SE Nav 5dr, Hyundai warranty until Jan 2021, sat nav, reverse camera, heated seats, 27k, choice **£12995**

17 17 HYUNDAI TUCSON 1.7 CRDI BlueDrive SE Nav 5dr, Hyundai warranty Sept 2022, sat nav, heated seats, reverse camera, beige **£14995**

15 65 JAGUAR XE 2.0 D 180 R-Sport 4dr Automatic, sat nav, cruise, heated seats, dab, privacy glass, 25k, black, full leather **£16495**

16 66 JAGUAR XF 2.0 D (180) R-Sport 4dr Automatic, Jaguar warranty Nov 2019, sat nav, 18"alloys, heated seats, choice, full leather **£18495**

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15 65 LEXUS CT200H 1.8 Advance Plus 5dr Automatic, sat nav, glass sunroof, 23k, white, half-leather **£15995**

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15 65 NISSAN QASHQAI 1.5 DCI N-Tec + 5dr, sat nav, pan roof, reverse camera, cruise, 10k, choice **£12995**

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15 15 PEUGEOT 308 2.0 BlueHDI 150 GT-Line 5dr, sat nav, cruise, 19k, grey, half-leather **£10995**

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The Barry and District League tables and results

CRIB DIVISION 1:

Wyndham Cons 7, Liberals 8; Cadoxton Cons 6, Moors Boys 9; West End 7, West End Runaways 8.

League table: Liberals 151, Rhoose Social 149, Wyndham Cons 144, West End Runaways 142, Cadoxton Cons 137, West End 135, Moors Boys 132.

SKITTLES DIVISION 1:

Rhoose Social C 4, Slammers 3; Liberals C 6, Liberals A 1; Barry Town FC 5, Rhoose Social B 2; Barries Boys 5.5, Allsorts 1.5; Sea View Exiles 5, Rhoosters 2; Rugby Club 6, Cambrian Flyers 1; West End D 4.5, Rhoose Social A 2.5; King William XII 4.5, West End C 2.5.

League table: Sea View Exiles 102.5, West End D 94.0, West End C 92.5, Rhoosters 85.0, Allsorts 84.0, Barry Town FC 83.0, King William XII 83.0, Rhoose Social C 82.0, Rugby Club 81.5, Rhoose Social A 76.5, Slammers 67.0, Rhoose Social B 62.0, Liberals C 58.5, Barries Boys 57.0, Liberals A 54.5, Cambrian Flyers 34.0.

SNOOKER DIVISION 1:

Wyndham Cons A 2, Harbour B 3; West End C 5, Penarth Cons A 0; Savoy A 5, Cadoxton Wildcats 0; Liberators 1, Cadoxton Cons Z 4; Cadoxton Cons B 4, Market Street B 1.

League table: West End C 75, Savoy A 73, Harbour B 71, Cadoxton Cons Z 62, Wyndham Cons A 59, Cadoxton Cons B 58, Penarth Cons A 45, Rhoose Social B 37, Cadoxton Wildcats 35, Liberators 34, Market Street B 32.

SNOOKER DIVISION 2:

Cadoxton Cons A 4, Savoy B 1; Wyndham Cons D 3, West End A 2; Market Street C 2, Rhoose Social C 3; Harbour A 2, West End B 3; Services Social B 3, Sully Sports A 2.

League table: Savoy B 67, Rhoose Social C 64, Cadoxton Cons A 62, Penarth Cons B 60, *Services Social B 59, Market Street C 56, Wyndham Cons D 56, Harbour A 50, West End A 43, Sully Sports A 40, West End B 34 (* = points deducted).

View all results and league tables at barryleagues.co.uk.

JW

The Barry and District Men's Skittles League

DIVISION 1:

Billy Whizz 271 (C Cannon, J Snook 28), Geest 273 (G Swenson 29); Posties 291 (M Gallimore 29), Bunker Boys 296 (C Cureton, D L Hewitson 30); Blue Monkey 311 (M Underdown 30), KP Rejects 289 (M Dawe 28); Merrymen 275 (S Jones 30), British Rail 241 (C Saunders 26); Cannon Balls 326 (D Pike 31), Willie Wombles 308 (J Norris, B Gratton 29); 49ers 305 (J Gee 34), Sea View 260 (J Batt 26).

League table: 49ers 36, Geest 26, Posties 20, Merrymen 18, Bunker Boys 18, Blue Monkey 16, Billy Whizz 15, Sea View 15, British Rail 13, Willie Wombles 13, KP Rejects 12, Cannon Balls 10.

DIVISION 2:

Cavaliers 297 (M Ryan 31), BP Breakaways 271 (O Coombes 27); Tynny Lads 261 (J Stacey, D Sluman 26), Mighty Dockers 310 (P Burroughes 33); Park Lads 261 (D Summerell 28), H Bells 260 (B Howcroft 29); Barry Park B 265 (N Stephenson 26), Ex Servicemen 258 (G Dent 29); Witchill Poachers 332 (P Evans 33), Hairy Lemons 342 (K Buckler 37); Exiles 274 (A Hawkins 32), Colcot Boys 261 (J James 30).

League table: Park Lads 30, Cavaliers 24, H Bells 20, Hairy Lemons 20, Mighty Dockers 18, Barry Park B 18, Exiles 15, Tynny Lads 15, Witchill Poachers 14, Colcot Boys 14, Ex-Servicemen 14, BP Breakaways 12.

DIVISION 3:

Glenbrook Flyers 270 (D Everitt 30), Cocoa Nuts 259 (R Green 26); Park Rangers 253 (S Pitcock 28), Castle Boys 264 (G Brooks 28); Abercrete 300 (J Arnold 31), Billy Bluebirds 287 (G Norris 29); C.U.D. 253 (P Palmer 28), Royalists 255 (I Tambling, D Casado 26).

League table: Park Rangers 24, Billy Bluebirds 20, Castle Boys 18, Cocoa Nuts 18, Abercrete 16, Royalists 15, Witchill Nomads 15, Alternatives 14, Glenbrook Flyers 14, C.U.D. 10, Master Mariner 0.

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JW

Away defeat in Newtown for Barry Town United

BARRY Town United's hopes of a fairytale JD Welsh Premier League championship are in the balance this week, after the Jenner Park side crashed to a 3-0 defeat at Newtown.

Three goals in 15 first-half minutes put paid to Barry's chances at Latham Park on the weekend, as Chris Hughes' fourth-placed Robins trimmed the gulf between the teams to six points.

Bruised Barry will now look to this Saturday's game in hand with Bala at Jenner Park to try and restore their nine-point cushion, all the while knowing that anything less than a victory could leave them frozen out of the title picture, as the top two continue their efforts to pull away.

A 2-0 win for The New Saints at Connah's Quay Nomads saw the defending champions move ominously to the top of the table, with Scott Ruscoe's men now holding a seven-point advantage over Barry, with both teams having six games to play.

Four of the Town's final fixtures will be at Jenner Park, beginning with the re-scheduled Bala affair this Saturday (4pm kick-off), while the Saints still have tricky re-matches with Barry and fellow contenders Connah's Quay to negotiate.

Should Barry be able to repeat their Phase One successes against a Bala team that has largely disappointed this season, the unlikeliest of title dreams might still well be on.

However, manager Gavin Chesterfield will be wary of being sucked into a chase for third-place, particularly with Newtown poised to be the final visitors to Jenner Park this season, when Barry's JD Welsh Premier League campaign wraps up on Friday, April 26.

For 26 minutes on Saturday, Barry were on track , negating Newtown with a switched-up side that saw Drew Fahiya slot in for Paul Morgan.

While another returnee to the starting XI, Troy Greening, would join skipper Jordan Cotterill in the referee's black book, there appeared little cause for concern in the game's initial exchanges; that is, until a testing ball over the top from Porya Ahmadi caused problems between Luke Cooper and Mike Lewis, with the goalkeeper purported to have clipped Joe Kenton a whisker inside his area.

Ahmadi stepped up and slotted home the penalty, sending Lewis the wrong way and while Fahiya and Cotterill chanced their arm at the opposite end, Barry's task quickly became even tougher as the Robins flew into a two-goal lead.

Dispossessing Barry's Clayton Green, the troublesome Kenton showed composure to cut inside and set up unmarked Alex Fletcher, who bypassed the disarray of the defence by left-footing into the bottom corner, 10 minutes before half-time.

Barry's penalty problems continued on 41 minutes when Mo Touray was ruled to have pulled back Fletcher, the loan man picking up a booking for his trouble.

Again, Ahmadi took charge, lifting the ball above Lewis to make it 3-0, his technique perhaps inspired by that of innovative Czech star Antonín Panenka.

For Barry, sadly, this effort would serve as checkmate.

While the second half saw the visitors attempt to edge their way back, Barry's best efforts came to nothing, with Green's offensive header cleared off the line after 68 minutes, nipping any fightback in the bud.

Barry substitute Sam Snaith was unable to cap his debut with a goal, while Kayne McLaggon lifted a last-ditch effort from close range up over the crossbar.

It was Newtown winger Kenton who was most deserving of adding his name to the scoresheet, with the former Wolves and Shrewsbury youngster, who had already tormented Barry at Latham Park in Phase One, causing havoc once again, hitting a post at one point and seeing another shot on goal deflected off the bar.

A day to forget for Barry, yet lessons to be remembered, as their season of highs and occasional lows approaches its defining and deciding final battles.

With silverware still at stake on two fronts, Barry's quest for the JD Welsh Cup has them return to Newtown on Saturday, March 30 for the semi-final with professionals TNS.

The match at Latham Park, the first-ever meeting of the two teams at this stage, will be 7.30pm kick-off for television and must be decided on the night itself.

A repeat of Saturday's showing and Barry's Welsh Cup campaign will be over, yet the signs shown in that spirited second-half at Park Hall last month suggest this is a team that can come back strong in spite of the occasional setback.

AC

Georgia's silver medal for Wales netball team

GEORGIA Hellerman, aged 15, from Barry, was part of the squad of 12 players selected to represent Wales under-17s at the European Championships from March 1-3 who won a silver medal.

Georgia who attends St Richard Gwyn High School was selected last July, aged just 14, for the Wales under-17 long squad. In December the squad was cut to 17 players and the squad have been in camp throughout January and February in preparation.

Wales had a tough draw at the European Championships, beating Scotland and losing to England. They then went on to beat UAE and Ireland to finish second in the championship table and secure the silver medal.

Georgia, who also plays basketball for Wales, and is currently in the European under-16 basketball squad, has now earned caps at under-17 level for both basketball and netball and has attended European Championships for both sports.

MH

Barry RFC news

UNFORTUNATELY, last Friday's game at Aberdare fell victim to the weather so will need to be rescheduled to later in the season.

Barry will try again this Friday when they visit Llanharan in another catch-up game, the kick off is at 7pm.

The lottery rolls over again this week to £3,900 after last week's numbers of 03, 05, 12 and 18 failed to produce a winner; three tickets matched three numbers to win £10.

AJ

Latest news from Barrivale Bridge Club

THE results for the Barrivale Bridge Club evening session on March 5 are as follows:

The top three places: 1 Peter Millar and Mike Close 63.75 per cent; 2 Kay Dyer and Sean MacDougall 53.75 per cent; 3 Jane Brook and Jenny Vaughan 52.92 per cent. The handicap winners were Alan Rees and Pat Price.

New members at the club are always welcomed and a partner may be arranged, if required. If you would like to join us please ring any of the following numbers, 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry at 7pm on Tuesday evening.

Alternatively, players inexperienced or new to bridge playing, may attend the following sessions: Friday 10am (doors open 9.45am) at the Pioneer Hall for lessons and assisted play.

Thursday afternoons for assisted play from 1.30pm - 4pm at the Barry Uniting Church, Heol y Llongau, Barry, CF63 4AP (the waterfront).

LH

Chess teams in action

IN the period since I last wrote, each of the Barry Chess Club teams have been in action.

In the past week however both of our teams in Division 4 of the East Glamorgan Chess league have been in action.

The Gambits played the North Cardiff Penguins. Stephen Bonutto and Sian Balchin recorded victories with Mike O'Leary drawing his game to leave the result as a draw.

On the following evening the Stauntons made their first visit to the new venue for the Cardiff Chess Club.

For Barry Ken Curry earned an excellent draw and with a default win on board five we managed only 1.5 points from the five on offer against the Cardiff Eagles.

The league table has the Gambits in second place with 31.5 points from 11 games and the Stauntons in third place, a half-point behind, having played a game more.

Pentyrch C remain unbeaten at the top of the division and recently defeated the Pontypridd Goshawks to extend their lead to 7.5 points with seven games to go. The title is surely theirs.

However the Eagles are only a further point behind the Stauntons and the Goshawks have games in hand so potentially there remain four teams chasing the other two promotion spots.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY. The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games. New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website at barrychessclub.yolasite.com

Phil Jones

The Seaview Lads Angling Club update

FEBRUARY has been typically poor with many anglers not weighing in over the recent competitions, in spite of the unseasonably warm weather.

A couple of codling have been landed and some rays are showing along the coast in spite of the early season, including the nice 12lb one pictured.

Some of the lads have enjoyed another sort of 'ray' in the warmer climes of the Canaries during the month. They have enjoyed some excellent sport, with several fish over the 100lb mark being landed, all safely returned of course.

It's going to be hard to face the cooler climes, but the chance of a rockling will doubtless make it worthwhile. Plans are currently being drawn up for the annual round of summer trips and members need to get their names down quickly or miss out. We hope to have a full report on the Four Tins trip this Thursday evening so don't be shy, get there early, book your seats and hold on tight!

February 10: 1st T Williams – 6lb 12oz; 2nd J Velda – 2lb 11oz; 3rd A Page – 2lb 8oz.

February 17: 1st M Langford – 2lb 1oz; 2nd A Harris – 2lb; 3rd O Williams – 1lb; 4th S Williams – 12oz.

February 24: 1st S Davies – 1lb 9oz; 2nd J Gallivan – 6oz.

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The Grand Slam is still on but Gatland's Welsh comeback kings get a taste of their own medicine!

Man of the match Hadleigh Parkes kicks ahead for Wales.
Match report by Philip Irwin.
All photographs by the Huw Evans Agency.

Ross Moriarty made several powerful charges in the first half, but after the break it was Wales' defence that was tested.

AFTER this baffling match in Murrayfield, Wales remain on course to go for the Grand Slam next Saturday in the Principality Stadium against Ireland, but it was not a comfortable watch.

In the opening Six Nations game, Wales started slowly against France, but stormed back in the second half to win – and then they did the same against England, so after an excellent first 40 minutes, when the Welsh side got on top and varied their play intelligently, they went into the break in complete control against a Scotland side that was ravaged by injuries.

However, with the benefit of hindsight, there was a unlikely echo of the English encounter just before half time.

England, remember, were leading 10–3 when Jonny May chased down Liam Williams and forced him into touch five metres out. It was the final play of the first half, and an England score could have put the games out of Wales' reach, but great defence held the English line-out drive, and Wales were able to regroup during the break.

Yesterday, two minutes before half time, and with Wales leading 15–6, Gareth Anscombe sent a superb penalty from a narrow angle spiralling perfectly to find touch just five metres out. A try could have taken the score to 20–6, or even 22–6, but Scotland held the line-out drive.

They did, however, concede a penalty, but Anscombe hit the post. Even then, Hadleigh Parkes claimed the rebound and Wales recycled the ball and sent it out to the in-form Josh Adams, who fancied his chances against substitute Adam Hastings, but the Scot made a great tackle.

Now, it was Scotland's turn to regroup during the interval and they made a startling resurgence.

They had started the match with two of their first-choice back three (Stuart Hogg and Sean Maitland) out injured.

Before 30 minutes had passed, two more (Tommy Seymour and Blair Kinghorn) had departed and a fifth attacking threat, the twinkle-toed Darcy Graham, lasted only until the 64th minute before needing repairs.

Wales coach Warren Gatland hinted that, perhaps, a touch of complacency set in among the Welsh side during the break, while captain Alun Wyn Jones simply said that Wales could not get hold of the ball in the second half.

Certainly, the Scots produced a supercharged but mistake-ridden second half where they let scoring chances slip on several occasions.

However, they managed to retain possession after many of their mistakes, with fumbles going backwards and misplaced passes being tidied up by a navy blue jersey rather than a red.

On top of that, the penalty count moved heavily against Wales, so much so that, with 10 minutes remaining, referee Pascal Gauzere gave Alun Wyn Jones the "next one is in the bin" talk.

After the game, Scotland coach Gregor Townsend made it clear that he felt that talk should have been made 10 to 15 minutes earlier.

Wales paid a price for Scotland's resurgence too, as Liam Williams, who had been having an outstanding game, went off injured. One Aussie Rules-style catch, taking the ball high above his head, will live long in the memory. It looked like a damaged collar bone but, at the time of writing, is being described as a 'stinger' which gives him hope of playing next Saturday.

His injury was linked to the one occasion that Wales' rush defence was out-flanked. They say that a long pass can do this, and in this case that pass fell into the hands of Allan Dell. The Scottish prop looked a touch nonplussed at first, looking for a quicker man to pass to, but realising that there was no one near, he showed a clean pair of heels to Alun Wyn Jones and had worked up a real head of steam when Liam Williams was forced to throw himself into the path of the truck.

On the injury front, Wales seem to have survived this game, although Hadleigh Parkes and Adam Beard looked as if they had gone 15 rounds with Anthony Joshua.

It had all seemed so smooth in the first half. Scotland did score first after 10 minutes with a Finn Russell penalty after Josh Navidi was ruled offside, but within five minutes Wales were ahead.

Quick hands out right meant Wales made ground and then, when the ball was moved left, centre Jonathan Davies drew his man and passed to Josh Adams. The left wing was short of room to work with, but skinned the Scots full back, Kinghorn, and crossed in the corner before running round to touch down behind the posts. It was a really sharp finish, although the re-runs suggested that the pass to him was slightly forward. Anscombe converted.

Scotland came back and Darcy Graham, who has more than a touch of Shane Williams about him, beat defenders with barely any room. One suspects he wears bright yellow boots to highlight his dazzling footwork!

The attack broke down but Scotland were awarded a penalty that reduced the margin to just one point.

However, four minutes later Anscombe restored Wales' lead, splitting the posts from 42 metres.

On the 25-minute mark, Wales made it 15–6. They put George North at the front of the line out, and the wing made ground, before a series of pick and goes sucked in the defence. When the ball was moved wide, centre Jonathan Davies was spoiled for choice. He could have put Adams in for a second, but a gap opened up and he scored himself. It was as clinical a move as Wales have put together all year.

It carried on going Wales' way. By now, Seymour and Kinghorn had left the field, and Ross Moriarty was enjoying himself, catching the Scottish restarts and crashing through tackles. The Murrayfield crowd was quiet.

There was the aforementioned chance to increase the lead, but all was fine and dandy as Wales left the field for the half time team talk.

It all changed in the second half, with Scotland attacking furiously. Hamish Watson, returning from injury and short of match fitness, was like a man possessed when he came on, bouncing off would-be tacklers and making yards every time he had the ball.

He epitomised the Scottish fightback, burning with frustration and anger at the way things had gone in the first half.

Liam Williams picked up his injury 10 minutes into the half, and Dan Biggar replaced him,

The Scots had a lucky break when Hadleigh Parkes was harshly penalised for a high tackle. Finn Russell kicked for the corner after that penalty, and Wales held the line-out drive, but had to react quickly when Grant Gilchrist forced his way over – turning the second row onto his back and stopping him grounding the ball.

Wales were rattled. Biggar had a chance to put in a relieving penalty kick, but slipped and his miscue made just 10 yards. To make matters worse, Wales were failing to win their own line-outs, so the pressure came back on them.

Soon after, George North fell foul of M. Gauzere, being penalised for a choke tackle, even though he had his hand firmly on the ball as he contested possession with Ali Price.

This time, the Scots worked a sharp backs move, with Finn Russell giving an inside pass to Byron McGuigan, who put Darcy Graham clear for his first international try. Russell's pass appeared to be forward, but Wales could hardly complain after a similar call in the first half.

The try went unconverted, but it was now 15–11. At a ruck, Gareth Davies shouted at the referee, demanding a penalty. There's too much of this these days, and he was rewarded by seeing the penalty go against Wales!

There was a chance for Wales to restore their lead when Adams kicked ahead after a loose Scottish pass. Jonathan Davies continued the attack, and a score seemed likely, but Wales' first half coolness had gone missing and the chance went begging.

ABOVE:
Blair Kinghorn can only watch as Josh Adams crosses for Wales' first try.

The next 12 minutes were agony for Welsh spectators. Scotland were camped in the 22, and a series of penalties were kicked into the corner to keep Wales on the rack.They did, however, keep all 15 on the pitch and this made a difference. Young Aaron Wainwright came on with fresh legs and Wales demolished a planned Scottish line out drive, pushing them back 10 metres and earning a much-needed penalty,

Fortunately for Wales, Scotland continued to make errors. One 15-phase attack ended with the Scots 30 yards further away from the Welsh line than when they started.

Before the match was over, Wales had one more lucky break. Price chased a kick ahead and, failing to notice that the bounce had beaten Gareth Anscombe, tackled him regardless. It meant that Wales had a relieving penalty kick and, from the next phase of play, they had a kickable penalty, which Anscombe slotted to make it 18-11.

The match finished soon after, and the camera turned to Warren Gatland in the stands.

The Welsh head coach seemed a little underwhelmed by the victory!

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